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## Police raid PM's office in fraud probe

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies  
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's director-general designate, Moshe Leon, is to be questioned in an investigation involving document forgeries, police said yesterday.  
Channel 1 reported that police raided the Prime Minister's Office about two weeks ago to seize documents as part of the probe.  
The probe reportedly involves a discovery by the State Comptroller's Office that a request by the immigrant support group, Mofet, for NIS 2 million, was submitted three months past a government-set deadline but was approved nonetheless.  
Israel Radio reported that police suspect that Zev Geiser, Netanyahu's adviser on immigrant absorption, who once headed Mofet, had requested that the application be given priority, and the application was then stamped retroactively with a forged postal date.  
Netanyahu's office refused to comment on the reports.  
Police spokeswoman Linda Menuhin confirmed that Geiser was questioned several times, and that Leon would be questioned soon as well.  
Menuhin said that police came to the offices of Leon and another official two weeks ago and confiscated documents.  
Last week police had reportedly recommended indicting Lieberman for embezzlement, for allegedly not repaying most of a loan provided by Geshet Aliya, another immigrant support group, that he headed.  
Meretz MK Ran Cohen last night asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to investigate any connection between Mofet and Geshet Aliya.  
According to Channel 1's report, the police have been secretly investigating suspicious of illegal financial aid to Mofet for some time, at Rubinstein's instructions.  
About two weeks ago, police detectives with a court order reportedly arrived Leon's office and the office of Gilead Arden, an assistant of Lieberman's.  
The detectives reportedly seized documents concerning Mofet.  
Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz told Channel 1 that police were investigating the affair in conjunction with the state attorney and the state comptroller.  
Sarah Honig adds:  
A senior source in the Prime Minister's Office maintained last night that police had unequivocally confirmed that Leon was under "no shadow of suspicion whatsoever."

## Five to be charged for Maccabiah disaster

By BAT SHEVA TSUR and ARYEH DEAN COHEN  
Five unspecified people will be indicted for the July 14 bridge collapse at the Maccabiah Games that killed four Australian athletes and injured 64, State Attorney Edna Arbel announced yesterday.  
The decision came after a four-hour meeting between Arbel and Tel Aviv District Attorney for Criminal Affairs Miriam Rozenthal.  
Arbel said she would "present indictments against a number of people," without giving names.  
However, it is believed that among those to be charged are the bridge's engineer and contractors, as well as the games' organizer.  
The two contractors responsible for building the bridge, Baruch Karagula and Yehoshua Ben-Ezra, are expected to be charged with homicide through negligence.  
Others likely to be indicted are Dr. Micha Bar-Ilan, the engineer who planned the bridge and approved it after completion; Yoram Eyal, chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee; and Adam Mishorin of Irgunit, the company responsible for providing materials for the bridge.  
Responding to Arbel's announcement, Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled said last night: "I congratulate the police and the State Attorney's Office on their responsible work and for speeding up the process."  
Colin Elterman, father of 15-year-old Sacha Elterman, who is fighting for her life after suffering serious injuries in the collapse, said he thought that senior World Maccabi officials should be among those tried for the accident.  
Interviewed from Australia on Israel Television's "Second Look" program, Elterman said: "We are very keen that the people be tried, not just the little people, but rather the whole organizational staff at Maccabi World Union needs to be looked at by somebody, so that this doesn't happen again, and also as a lesson to other organizations."  
Elterman charged that the Maccabi organization's approach so far was "pathetic."  
"Right from the beginning, even from a moral aspect, no one said sorry, no one apologized, no one resigned, there were no internal inquiries," he said.  
Elterman contended that "unless there's a major cleanout of the organization, there is no future [for the Maccabiah]."  
Adam Zines, whose father Warren was killed in the accident, said: "I believe things could have happened a lot quicker than they did. I understand there's a bureaucratic and judicial process that has to be gone through, but in terms of compensation, Australia asked for compensation from the [Israeli] government and the Maccabi World Union; it wasn't forthcoming."  
A report issued after a probe conducted in July blamed the disaster on a chain of negligence, from faulty planning through incompetent building.  
Peled said at the time that the accident showed a deteriorating Israeli society.  
"Lives are lost because of total lack of respect, disdain, and indifference," said Peled. "Our society must be changed by education. We tend to say, 'We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.' This time we failed, and didn't even reach the bridge."



Strikes continue  
Garbage remains strewn all over a Tel Aviv sidewalk yesterday as sanitation workers refused to remove it, in protest against the city's hiring of private contractors. The contractors were hired to assure daily garbage collection. Meanwhile, Histadrut-led widespread strikes across the public sector enter their second day today. The National Labor Court is expected to issue back-to-work orders for many of the strikers. Related stories, Page 3 (Yael Someth/Israel Sun)

## Cabinet OKs second pullout

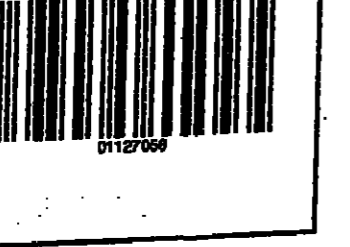
Panel to work out details next week  
• PA response mixed • Naveh, Arad to brief Mubarak today  
By JAY BUSHINSKY  
In a declaration of intent bereft of geographical and chronological details, the government announced its willingness yesterday to order an IDF withdrawal from unspecified areas of the West Bank until a "permanent arrangement" goes into effect.  
With 16 ministers voting in favor and two abstaining - Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, both from the NRP - a special team to be headed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was authorized to draw up the requisite maps and timetables for implementation of the decision.  
The team - which besides the prime minister will consist of Foreign Minister David Levy, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - was instructed to submit its recommendations for cabinet approval.  
"The goal is for the team to report to the government next week," said Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh.  
Naveh stressed that implementation of the troop redeployment hinges on fulfillment of the commitments undertaken by the Palestinian Authority as appended to the Hebron Agreement last January.  
Once the ministerial team submits its recommendations, the cabinet "will conduct a thorough discussion and will crystallize first its plan for a permanent arrangement," a communique said.  
This plan will include "security zones deemed vital to the State of Israel, areas of settlement and other interests, including water and Jewish historical sites," it went on.  
The communique's sole reference to a timetable was vague and non-binding, declaring only that "after reaching decisions on this subject the government will decide on the way it will implement the interim measures."  
The resolution also contained an unequivocal expression of support for the West Bank settlements.  
"The government will take all the necessary measures for their existence and strengthening," it said.  
These measures will be designed to "reduce points of friction between Israeli settlers and local Palestinian residents and increase the security of both populations" - words that could be interpreted to mean enlarging the existing settlements and building more bypass roads around Palestinian towns and villages.  
Israel Radio said Naveh and Netanyahu's political adviser Uzi Arad would travel to Egypt today to brief Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and his top adviser Osama el-Baz on the proposal.  
Naveh said contact also will be made with the US, Jordan, and other countries.  
Sources close to Sharon not only indicated their satisfaction with the meeting's outcome, but contended that it reflected his proposals of a week ago.  
One of the points he raised, which the cabinet will consider, is that if Ararat should declare an independent Palestinian state, Israel immediately would annex the projected security zones (including the Jordan Valley), settlements, access roads and military bases.  
Sharon also urged his cabinet colleagues to tour the areas to be designated as security zones as soon as possible, a proposal unsharply endorsed by Netanyahu.  
Naveh explained that the extent of the proposed troop redeployment will encompass the first and second pullbacks required by the Oslo Accords.  
The cabinet secretary confirmed that if the Palestinians defer or reject the proposals due to emerge from the ministerial team's deliberations the consequence will be a delay in the next troop pullback.  
See PULLOUT, Page 2

## Global-warming conference expected to expose world's poor-rich gaps

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - The gathering today of delegations from some 160 nations in Kyoto, Japan, to formulate targets for cuts in greenhouse gas emissions is expected to expose some of the yawning gaps between the humanity's rich and poor.  
If rich nations are to slash energy consumption, they might have to go easy on refrigerators, cars, air-conditioners, washing machines and televisions.  
If poor nations did the same, hundreds of millions of people might have to live without even an electric light bulb.  
Expect more compelling arguments like that this week, as the developing world comes under pressure to make commitments on reducing emissions of gases which cause global warming.  
At stake is Washington's threat not to accept binding obligations without "meaningful" participation from "key developing countries." Since the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio, the world's wealthy states have agreed to shoulder the burden of fighting global warming, while the others concentrate on economic development.  
But Washington has set the scene for heated debate. With the US by far the worst offender on greenhouse gases - responsible for around a quarter of them worldwide - developing nations say such a stance is unfair and effectively excludes them from future economic growth.  
"We're willing to reduce emissions but we are not willing to have commitments, because we are simply not able to make a commitment at this stage," said Sharmila Srikanth of the Center for Global Environment Research in New Delhi.  
The group, part of the non-governmental organization Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), is heading for Kyoto armed with a wad of media-friendly reasoning to back its case.  
Many argue, for example, that nations with vast populations should contribute to such a major global interest. China and India, with about 40 percent of the world's people and adding tens of millions to the total every year, are a case in point.  
But the Center for Global Economic Research says that while the US population grows by only three million a year, it is effectively adding 120 million in developing-world terms because US per-capita consumption of energy is 40 times higher.  
Developing nations will also use the "polluter pays principle" argument at Kyoto, pointing out that even though the rich nations may agree to cut their emissions to or below 1990 levels by around 2010, much damage has already been done.  
Srikanth said the developed economies' cumulative share of carbon dioxide emissions between 1870 and 1986 was 65 percent.  
M.S. Swaminathan, an eminent environmental expert in India, said India and China should work together to insist on per capita measurements for differentiated responsibilities.  
In an interview with Frontline magazine, he said they should also push for industrialized nations to transfer efficient and clean energy-producing technologies.

## World marks AIDS Day: Activists: Include AIDS medication in health basket

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Activists will mark World AIDS Day today with a noon demonstration opposite the Knesset to protest, the Treasury's refusal to cover the costs of the drug "cocktail" that slows the progress of the HIV virus.  
Health organizations and support groups around the globe are today marking World AIDS Day, while newly released UN data indicates that the battle against the epidemic is far from won.  
The Israel Coalition of AIDS Organizations argues that all patients would get the medications should the Treasury allocate NIS 45 million a year, "the cost of an F-15 jet's wing," as one activist put it. The drugs have cut the mortality rate from the disease in the US by 20%.  
Health Minister Yehoshua Matza said he will fight for the inclusion of AIDS drugs in the basket of health services. While the drugs are expensive, Matza said, hospitalizing AIDS patients who don't receive the cocktail is even more costly.  
Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said he would include the AIDS cocktail in the basket of health services provided that other medications are removed from it.  
The Health Ministry spends NIS 8.5m a year on fighting AIDS. This sum includes information campaigns and blood testing but not hospitalization of patients and the operation of the AIDS hospice at Sheba Hospital.  
Meretz MKs Ran Cohen and Dedi Zucker have demanded that the AIDS drugs and other medications for cancer and diabetes patients be supplied by all the health funds.  
The two have submitted a bill that would revise the medications list provided by national health insurance. They attacked Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizi for saying recently that the government shouldn't subsidize the AIDS cocktail because such a measure would "prolong the patients' lives and increase the cost of treating them."  
"It's wrong for the fate of patients to be sacrificed by people with backward, superstitious ideas as those of MK Benizi," Cohen said.  
Meanwhile, MK Eitan Cabel (Labor) has proposed a bill that would define infecting someone with HIV as "attempted murder" if the victim was not informed in advance that the perpetrator was infected.  
The Beersheba District Court recently ruled that the act of a 33-year-old HIV carrier who had sex with a 16-year-old girl and infected her with the disease was equivalent to deliberately shooting someone in the head. Currently, the punishment for knowingly infecting someone with a serious disease is only three years.



NEWS in brief

Palestinian detainee ends hunger strike

Palestinian administrative detainee Atef Alian ended her 41-day hunger strike yesterday after receiving assurances from the Palestinian Authority that Israel would review her case for release from prison, Army Radio said.

1 dead, 21 hurt in accidents

A man was killed and 10 people were hurt, five seriously, in a serial accident yesterday morning on Route 4 near the Mesubim junction. According to police, a gravel truck skidded and overturned as it ascended the Mesubim bridge.

Jerusalem mayor nomination draws flak

The Labor Party's Jerusalem district reacted with shock yesterday to reports that party leaders had approached Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair, former military attache in Washington, to run for mayor in Jerusalem, without first consulting with local activists.

Top Turkish agriculture officials arrive today

Turkish Agriculture Minister Mustafa Tasar and a group of 35 businessmen from the agriculture sector are due to arrive here today to exchange views on agriculture technology.

Argentina's defense minister visits

Argentina's Defense Minister Jorge Dominguez is to be received by an honor guard and a full military ceremony at the Defense Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv this morning as he begins a week-long visit.

Opposition condemns cabinet vote

By LIAT COLLINS

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak said yesterday's cabinet decision on further redeployment is "totally irrelevant. It has nothing to do with the peace process. This government is like a group of people sitting in a hot-air balloon playing chess with itself and then announcing that it won 16-2."

Meretz whip Haim Oron said his party would file a no-confidence motion against the prime minister over the cabinet decision. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is only pretending to be furthering the process.

called "the continued burial of the peace process." He said Labor would also discuss submitting a no-confidence motion and invited all MKs and parties disappointed in the prime minister to vote against him.

Labor "to ignore narrow political interests and to support Netanyahu in carrying out the second further redeployment."

Land of Israel Front abstains from no-confidence motion

By LIAT COLLINS

MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher), who heads the Land of Israel Front caucus, said last night that despite earlier reports the front's MKs would not join in the no-confidence motion yet.

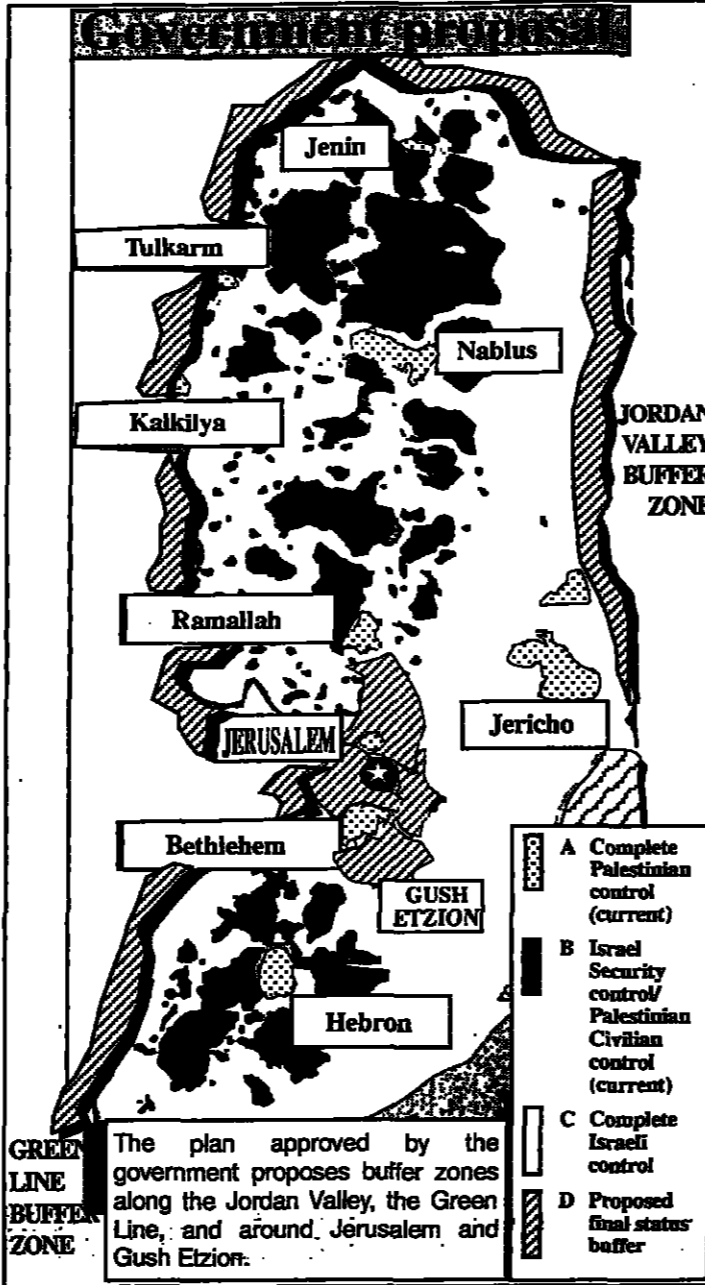
minister when he realized there were enough people willing to go the whole way to bring him down. Knesset Law Committee Chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) called on the Land of Israel Front not to collaborate with the opposition and to join forces with the NRP to ensure the government decision is fully carried out.

Settler mayors back PM

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Seeking a different agenda and "a united front," mayors from Judea, Samaria and Gaza affiliated with the Likud Party met with former director general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman yesterday.

Six of the mayors are to meet with Netanyahu today. A statement issued by the forum at the meeting's conclusion stressed that while the forum supported Netanyahu's second-stage withdrawal plan, it insisted that it be part of future discussions regarding security and civilian issues in Judea and Samaria communities.



The plan approved by the government proposes buffer zones along the Jordan Valley, the Green Line, and around Jerusalem and Gush Etzion.

Moment of truth, or anticlimax?

What the government did by going for immediate final-status talks to be followed by further redeployment within five months was to wind up the political clock for its moment of truth.

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will have the unenviable task of being the team's umpire, while at the same time considering and ultimately adopting its recommendations.

ANALYSIS

By JAY BUSINSA

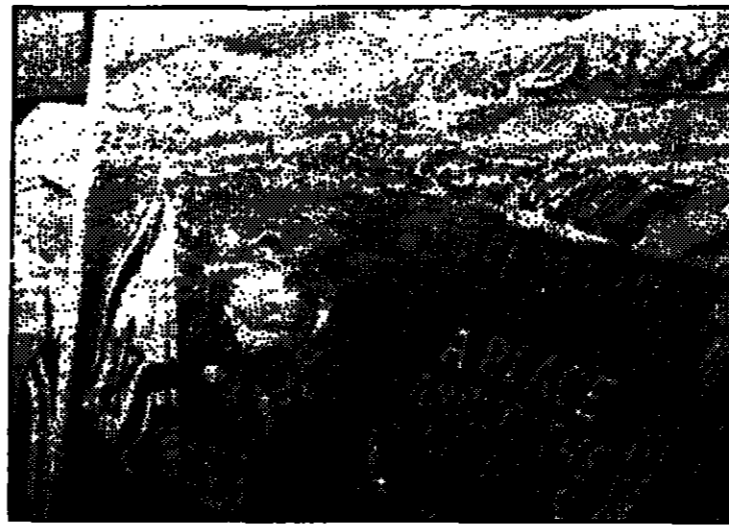
It will not be long - possibly as soon as next week - before it becomes clear whether Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his coalition of nationalists and religious zealots really are willing to hand over a significant segment of biblical Eretz Yisrael to the Palestinian Authority.

Whatever territorial pullback is recommended by the four-member ministerial team, it is likely to dissatisfy if not outrage the National Religious Party, its ministers may opt out of the cabinet. That may be the first crisis that will face Netanyahu as a result of his insistence on a redeployment plan now.

A confused Right knows not where to turn

COMMENT

By HERB KENNON



One of the English-language placards displayed during Saturday night's protest against the proposed pullback.

The English banner directly behind the podium at Saturday night's right-wing rally against further withdrawal on the West Bank told the whole story: This protest, as perhaps the whole Force 17 drive in the Knesset against the government, was meant primarily for American consumption.

ly have had 25,000 people in Jerusalem's streets. Some would have been banging pots and pans, others would have tried to block roads.

Yitzhak Rabin's *yahrzeit*. One day the extra-parliamentary right is planning a pro-Netanyahu rally, the next day an anti-Netanyahu rally.

ple the government over Hebron. A new government is not what their constituents want at this time.

"If you block out all the extraneous noise," said one longtime settlement activist, "if you block out Bar-On and Mashaal and the Likud wrangling, Netanyahu is doing what we wanted him to do: slowing down and changing Oslo."

The settlement movement is in a schizophrenic period. Eighteen months after Netanyahu's election, they have still not decided whether to support or fight him.

Advertisement for Hadassah Medical Organization mourning the passing of Philip Berman. It mentions that he was a friend and partner, and extends condolences to the family.

Tank crew cited for wiping out at least seven guerrillas

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak awarded citations yesterday to a tank crew responsible for killing at least seven guerrillas in south Lebanon last week.

ting the squad, and later spotted a second squad coming to rescue the first and also opened fire at them. The IDF believes that in all, seven to ten guerrillas were killed by tank fire.

neither confirm nor deny. The M-60 has sustained a number of serious strikes by anti-tank missiles, and at least two soldiers have been killed in rocket attacks on the tank.

Advertisement for Machon Penzer of Ma'aleh Michmas, a high school program. Also includes an advertisement for a beauty salon with services like skin treatment and hair designs.

# Histadrut strike enters a second day

By MICHAL YUDELMAN, DAVID HARRIS, and DAVID RUDGE

A strike by 150,000 clerks and municipal workers was to continue for a second day today in defiance of a National Labor Court ruling yesterday that permitted only a 24-hour walkout.

Treasury Director of Wages and Labor Agreements Yossi Kucik. Kucik charged that the strike offered a "seal of approval to illegal work agreements in the municipalities and encourages excessively high wages."

Kucik has held up paying local authorities. He demands that the authorities agree not to use the funds for wage bonuses, and to put them instead toward efficiency measures.

The Histadrut also planned to discuss widening the sanctions at a meeting today, after threatening yesterday to have civil servants and bank workers join in the strike unless progress was made in talks with the Treasury.

The strike encompasses workers of 360 local authorities, and has paralyzed day care centers, nursery schools, government corporations and national institutions like the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund.

A Treasury statement yesterday listed a series of alleged illegal fringe benefits being paid to many Histadrut local council workers.

The National Labor Court which upheld the strike yesterday but gave it a 24-hour limit, was expected to decide today about whether to issue back-to-work orders.

Many schools were also disrupted, since maintenance personnel and secretaries were also on strike.

An additional 20,000 clerks were expected to join the strike today, which would affect the Clalit health fund, Jerusalem hospitals, universities, ORT schools, other colleges, Amidar, Amigur and Zim.

Civil servants and bank workers are considering whether to join the strike in the next few days, in protest against hundreds of dismissals and alleged violations of work agreements.

Bank employees are also angry with a government decision to take the management of provident funds out of the hands of the banks.

The strike was launched yesterday in protest against government demands for cost-cutting measures by local authorities to reduce an overall NIS 4 billion deficit.

No progress was reported at a meeting yesterday afternoon between Histadrut strike organizer Shlomo Shani and



Several hundred employees of the Nazareth auto works plant protest outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday against defense establishment cancellations of jeep orders, a move which could lead to layoffs. Histadrut Secretary General Amir Peretz blamed government policy for the labor unrest. (Itaac Harari)

Eldar called on the parties to return to the negotiating table to resolve the dispute.

spokesperson Leviah Fischer said the worst effects of the strike were felt by parents and especially single mothers who could not send children to kindergartens yesterday.

## Tel Aviv strike expands

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The Tel Aviv sanitation workers' strike will expand today to encompass the city's 106 emergency services, which will close down and not take care of breakdowns in the traffic lights and water systems.

stopped by police.

The sanitation workers, who are protesting Milor's hiring private contractors for garbage collection, refuse to return to work, despite court orders instructing them to do so.

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Bar David said the city has a secret plan to fire all the sanitation workers and replace them with workers employed by private contractors.

Police yesterday arrested 26 sanitation workers on suspicion of sabotaging 22 garbage trucks belonging to private contractors as part of the strike.

They (the mayor and city officials) lied to us and cheated us all the way. Now it is clear their intention is to replace us with private contractors despite all their promises.

The violence continued yesterday as the strike entered its fifth day. A fire bomb was thrown at a private contractor's truck headed by the city as a part of the strike.

Milor said yesterday his workers must not stand one minute. We will not tolerate any sabotage.

## US report: Nazis looted \$5.6b. in gold

A US report presented to the cabinet yesterday concludes that countries that remained neutral during World War II shipped goods to the Nazis and were paid for them with looted gold.

The report was presented to the cabinet by Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who is monitoring developments relating to Nazi gold and Jewish property for the government.

Berne just before the end of World War II. Citing documents uncovered in the Swiss Federal Archive, the *SonntagsZeitung* said that was involved were gold coins in 28 cases with a weight of some 1,052 kilos, and a current value of about SF14 million.

Meanwhile, the *Sunday Telegraph* yesterday said that Britain was also at fault because it misappropriated pre-war bank deposits belonging to Holocaust victims amounting to tens of millions of pounds.

## PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

By MICHAL SELA

The focus of the week in the Palestinian Press was Palestinian rejection of Prime Minister Netanyahu's proposal for a limited withdrawal in the West Bank.

aimed at preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state as one continuous entity, wrote Ashraf al-Ajrami in *al-Ayyam*.

All newspapers reported about the Israeli debate and Palestinian reactions. Maps graphically describing the proposal were copied from the Hebrew press, accompanied by stories about "intensification of the settlements," as one of *al-Quds*'s headlines read.

Al-Ajrami also called Netanyahu's proposal an American-Israeli deal. He wrote that in return for a minor withdrawal in the West Bank, America may support Israel's effort to move to the final status negotiations.

A cartoon in *al-Quds* showed Netanyahu using a remote-control device, playing with an electronic toy car bearing the sign: 6%.

The Palestinian Press countered National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's warning that the Palestinians were about to declare statehood, by accusing him of trying to cantonize the West Bank.

"The Palestinians have no alternative but to reject this position and insist on the need to implement the interim stage agreement," wrote the *al-Quds* editorial, commenting on Netanyahu's proposed link between redeployment and a final status agreement.

Given Israel's capability to retaliate, Al-Ajrami suggested in *al-Ayyam* that the Palestinians slow down their drive for independence. He wrote that if the Palestinians waited out the five-year deadline for completing final status talks, they may find the international community ready to recognize a Palestinian state.

Netanyahu's defense of his plan that Israel has to give up a small area to ensure that the greater part remains in Israeli hands, was criticized as "a new recipe to deceive the world and continue to destroy the peace process."

While the world press discussed last week's international day against violence in the family, the Palestinian press published the telephone numbers of hot-lines, with messages of encouragement, such as: "do not hesitate to use the help-line."

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The struggle against violence towards women is the safety valve of Palestinian society," wrote Samar al-Shanar in *al-Quds*.

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The question, however, is whether these (Palestinian) institutions alone can uphold the problem? The time has come to unveil all those who use violence against women," al-Shanar

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### Likud troubles

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**Czech PM resigns**

By Nigel Stephenson

PRAGUE (Reuters) - Czech Prime Minister Václav Klaus, in a surprise move, announced yesterday he was resigning and would not join a new administration.

The post-Communist Europe's largest country in office, announced after an 11-hour meeting of the leadership of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS), that it would resign and it means the government will be replaced by a new administration as a whole.

The resignation was announced in a midnight news conference.

The Czech prime minister was expected to meet President Vaclav Havel tomorrow to discuss the resignation. But the government is expected to resign before Havel meets with the new administration.

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# Letter from an unknown man



Movie Review  
By Adina Hoffman

**M**inotaur is an English-language movie based on the 1980 Hebrew novel by Benjamin Tammuz. Directed by the writer's son, Jonathan, the film takes place in New York City and wastes no time in making obvious the symbolic implications of its title: the half-beast, half-man trapped in the legendary labyrinth is Alex (Dan Turgeman), an unshaven Mossad agent who has come to America to perform some vague, violent operation. While on the subway, he catches sight of a beautiful young woman, Thea (Mili Avital), and falls in love from a distance. He begins to send her anonymous letters expressing

his great passion ("you belong to a world that I have lost long ago...") and the out-of-body bond between them grows and deepens, with predictably tragic results.

I haven't read the novel on which the film is based, so I can make no comparisons between the original and the script, which was co-written by Turgeman, who also co-produced, and Irving S. White. As a free-standing work, though, the movie takes tired shape as a mishmash of pulp clichés, offered without the slightest hint that the filmmakers know these purple paths have been traveled endless times before.

And for all the hackneyed familiarity of many of its elements (the brooding, lone-hunter, à la Alain Delon in Melville's *Le Samouraï* or Eastwood's *Man With No Name*; the mystery lover with a verbal knack, à la *Cyrano de Bergerac*; the shoot-outs, car chases and fatal double-crosses à la James Bond and tens of thousands of other spy movies), the picture suffers from a basic confusion of focus. The characters and plot often seem to be floating in space, hovering somewhere between languages, continents, time frames and high- and low-brow impulses. But instead of making the action seem moodily archetypal, which

appears to be what the younger Tammuz and his screenwriters intend, this tonally nebulous quality gives the picture an inadvertent comic edge: in the midst of various muted love scenes, one waits with baited breath for the hero to just whip out his gun and blow someone away. And the moment one scolds oneself for thinking that the movie would resort to such cheap tricks, it does.

The film is avowedly apolitical, even a-national, in the sense that the hero's country of birth is barely mentioned and figures not at all in the story. Aside from two short scenes in Hebrew and some ludicrously melodramatic flashbacks to Alex's difficult childhood, which takes place in "Israel, 1963" against a posh, fantasy backdrop that looks a lot more like a well-appointed Italian villa than any house in this country, *Minotaur* might be a film from anywhere.

Alex could easily be an employee of the Sicilian mafia or the former KGB, given the amorphous nature of the brutal work he performs and the cryptically accented



Mili Avital, an Israeli actress who lives in the US, plays the beautiful Thea, with whom Dan Turgeman falls in love.

sound of the English that he speaks. (Turgeman is adequate here, though he sometimes scrambles his character's soulful attributes with what seems like plain embarrassment in the language: his voice-over readings of the letters, for instance, are so whispery-intimate, they're often incomprehensible. Meanwhile the appealing Avital, an Israeli who lives in the States and played James Spader's burlap-draped honey in *StarGate*, speaks English with barely a trace of an accent, and plays a non-Israeli character of

## The cold world of winter movies

**B**aby, it's cold inside. But chances are, if you duck into a US movie theater to escape the winter chill, it won't be any warmer once you take a seat. The season's films are filled with icebergs, snowstorms and frozen seas. In addition to popcorn and soda, concession stands might have to start selling mittens and scarves.

Weather is typically showcased as a plot device. But the chilly scenes of winter aren't exclusively consigned to supporting roles. In some of the season's most acclaimed films, the cold is a featured player, as much an element as cast, crew and script.

The arrival of this cinematic snow doesn't suggest Santa Claus and holiday cheer. It's heralding a time to face a harsh and often difficult world.

*The Ice Storm*, director Ang Lee's drama about 1970s American suburbia, unfolds during a freezing rain that magnifies the deep chill pervading every character's life. Actor Alan Rickman's directorial debut *The Winter Guest* (opening in the US December 24) is set on the Scottish coast on the coldest day of the year - a day that turns the sea to ice and leaves cold-cheeked people needing a warming touch.

An icy patch in the road sends a school bus crashing into a frozen lake in *The Sweet Hereafter*, and all the heavy parkas can't keep the victims' families from feeling naked in the bitter aftermath.

"The very word 'cold' suggests a need for warmth," says Rickman, whose *Winter Guest* cast features Emma Thompson and her real-life mother, Phyllida Law. "Cold increases people's vulnerability."

"I think winter is death," says Atom Egoyan, who directed *The*

## When music is more than entertainment

**A**s German maestro Kurt Masur heads today for Ben-Gurion Airport, off to more concerts with the leading orchestras of the world, he will no doubt reflect on the 10 days he spent here with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, which a few years ago named him an honorary guest conductor.

Masur, the music director of the New York Philharmonic, led the IPO in Beethoven's monumental Ninth Symphony preceded by Schoenberg's *A Survivor from Warsaw*, a very short piece that the composer wrote immediately after World War II.

"It's a commitment from my side to perform this work in general and in Israel in particular. Being a German and knowing the history, we must do this work in order to remember that music is not only entertainment; it is something much more fundamental to our society."

Yet these days, Beethoven's Ninth and its sweeping choral finale is definitely considered entertainment, being one of the most popular works in the repertoire. "I always try and make people aware of the entire symphony. I try to show them that this is not just the 'Ode to Joy.' Beethoven lived in a time which was very difficult and horrible. And he was already totally deaf when he wrote this music, and so he must serve as an example of overcoming pain and suffering," Masur says.

"Beethoven was not just a musician; he was, above all, a philosopher and his philosophy is there for us to take if we listen to the music. He was a philosopher as powerful as St. Francis of Assisi."

"Beethoven is the center of classical music," Masur adds. "Without him nothing that followed him would have been the same."



garden, but I did not go on stage with them. It would be weird to see an old man in jeans - after all I am 70 this year. So I put on my afternoon suit instead of the evening tails."

Contemplating further, Masur adds: "Actually, blue jeans for me are a kind of uniform and I don't like uniforms. I don't like people who dress à la mode. People should wear what is comfortable for them and not what everybody else does."

In New York Masur has tried various ways to lure new audiences into his concert hall.

"We have casual concerts and we have rush-hour concerts, which are very popular. Many people will never return to the city if they go home at 5. So we give them a concert before they go home; it's an immense success. We must learn to adjust to the city we live in and to its needs as well."

Masur enjoys conducting concerts and recordings alike but he laments the fact that we "are all forced to be slaves of marketing. Imagination and artistic programming should be at the forefront, but this is not the case."

"Managements seem to believe that only they know what audiences want, but believe me, people get tired of listening to the same works over and over again. They should be aware of other works, too, and they want to be, but no one gives them the chance to actually see whether they like this new music."

Masur tries to do as much as he can to change the traditional concert program and listening habits in New York.

But in Israel, where he comes once a year to work with the IPO, he still sticks to a more conservative repertoire. When he returns next season to the IPO, it will be to lead the orchestra in a cycle of all six Tchaikovsky symphonies.

## NEWS of the muse

**Hanukka treats for youngsters**

Hanukka is blockbuster season. The kids are home for eight days and entertaining them is big business. The first two offers: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's beautiful and perennial fable, *The Little Prince*, has been turned into a children's musical and will premiere at Tzavta Tel Aviv December 24, which is both the first night of Hanukka and Christmas Eve. Director Amir Maman tested 400 hopefuls to play the part of the prince who travels the cosmos in search of a true friend, casting 14-year-old Amit Biran to star in the production.

TV stars Natan Natanson and Efi Ben-Israel, comedian Shabar Moshe, Bat-el Magen and Meyrav Haron divide the other characters among them. Maman also adapted the book and the music is by Oded Gadir.

Laserium is a 360-degree 3-D laser light show that's billed as "the closest thing to tripping out in inner space." It's a riot of color, sound, animation, special effects, music and sheer razzmatazz. Its creators have adapted existing films to this 21st-century technology.

You can choose among a Beatles anthology, Pink Floyd's *The Wall*, a compilation Dance called *Electrolight*, *Peter and the Wolf* dubbed into Hebrew, and *Addicted to Life*, a special dedicated to the war on drugs and alcohol. It will be shown at the Planetarium of the Eretz Yisrael Museum in Ramat Aviv also from December 24.

Helen Kaye

**Prizes for storytellers**

Master storyteller Yossi Alfli is looking for unpublished (and untold) true stories connected with Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Municipality is offering prizes for the best ones. Send your story on an audio or video cassette by December 20 to *Teatron Ha'am*, 13 Sprinzak, Tel Aviv 64738. The finals competition will take place at the Jerusalem Theater on January 29. There will also be storytelling sessions at the city's community centers. The storytelling marathon is part of the municipality's celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem.

Educational TV has announced its annual scriptwriting competition for screenplays that will later become ETV programs. This year's subject is "Jewish and Zionist values today." The first prize is NIS 30,000. The winning script will be produced as a 24-minute drama. Entries have to reach ETV by February 15.

The language for both the storytelling and script-writing competitions is Hebrew.

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**'Spring' comes early on kibbutz**

Choreographer Daniel Ezralow will arrive within the next couple of weeks to work on his *Metal Spring* for 12 dancers which he created for the Kibbutz Dance Company with music by Israeli composer Yuval Ron. The company has been rehearsing the piece with Ezralow's assistant, Irene Hogarth. Ezralow is well known to the Israeli public both as performer and choreographer. He was one of the original members of Pilobolus and more recently returned as Daniel Ezralow & Friends to dance at the Israel Festival. KDC is also rehearsing a companion piece for eight dancers, *Join the Tears*, choreographed by company dancer Martin Curry with music by Polish composer Henryk Gorecki.

Helen Kaye

**'The Full Monty' breaks box-office records**

The low-budget British comedy *The Full Monty*, which relates the fortunes of a group of unemployed steel workers who turn to stripping for a living, has become the biggest grossing British film of all time, film industry officials said on Saturday.

The Cinema Advertising Association said the film had taken £39.2 million (\$66.2 million) at British box offices to date - surpassing the last big British hit, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

But *Monty* has some way to go before beating *Four Weddings* on a worldwide scale.

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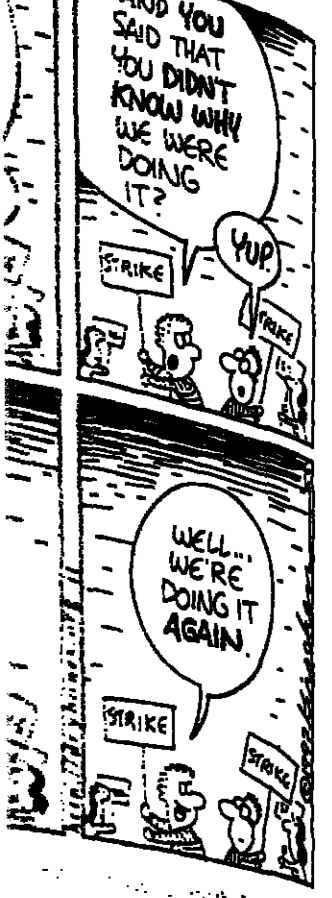
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## Gulf Syndrome



# Americans Decide War May Not Be Quite So Scary



By ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON

**T**HERE'S nothing like a crisis with Iraq to get American blood boiling.

For the moment, diplomacy has defused the latest standoff over allowing United Nations inspectors to resume their hunt for Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological arsenal.

But opinion polls show that most Americans were prepared to support an extensive military strike to force President Saddam Hussein to back down.

This is in stark contrast to the tremulous tone of public debate in 1990, as America girded for war against Mr. Hussein, and it seems to suggest that Americans have finally shaken off their famous Vietnam syndrome.

But a question remains: Are Americans ready to use their muscle anywhere? Or is their attitude more conflicted than that, notwithstanding their eagerness to punish Iraq?

A Newsweek poll taken Nov. 13 and 14, in mid-standoff, found that 53 percent of Americans favored using force if Iraq refused arms inspections because of American participation. And the figure climbed to 82 percent if Iraq were to shoot down an American U-2 spy plane flying for the inspectors.

If diplomacy failed, Congress was clamoring for an attack punishing enough to topple Mr. Hussein's regime. "I'd like to see him taken out," said Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi, the majority leader.

Even liberal pundits are sounding bloodthirsty these days. Last week George Stephanopoulos, President Clinton's former senior adviser, called on his old boss to ignore a Ford-era Presidential order barring American-sanctioned assassinations and put out a contract on Mr. Hussein. "If we can kill Saddam, we should," Mr. Stephanopoulos wrote in the current issue of Newsweek.

What a change from seven years ago, when Americans and their elected representatives were almost evenly divided over whether to wait longer for economic sanctions to bite or to wage war to repel Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

The stakes were different then, of course; the fact that Iraq had conquered and occupied an independent neighbor made both the urgency of ousting Mr. Hussein and the potential cost seemed to demand a great deal more debate.

Still, the result seems to have emboldened Americans into replacing their old first instinct ("Don't go to war because we might lose and divide ourselves at home") with a new one ("Let's go to war; we'll win big and unify ourselves at home").

The polls show this. The politicians are talking the talk. And there are logical reasons to explain why

Americans seem to feel freer to use force now than they did in 1990.

For one, people and generals everywhere tend to calculate their chances in the next war from their experiences in the last one. In 1990, the last big war was Vietnam. Now it is the Persian Gulf war.

Vietnam, moreover, had been only the final convincing course in a generation-long learning experience about the limits of American power. Before Vietnam fell, there had been the stalemate in Korea, inconclusive and frightening confrontations with the Soviets and insolent challenges from teeny nations. Standoff was largely the name of the game, and it seemed prudent to put up with that fact.

All of that had only begun to change in 1990; there was, in fact, still a Soviet Union, even though it was fast coming undone. Now Americans have had plenty of time to realize how different the world has become without it.

But Iraq is also a special case. First of all, the United States and its allies have had seven years to demoralize Mr. Hussein. And a wealth of new information surpassing nearly everyone's worst fears has emerged about the size and scope of his doomsday stockpiles. So unlike in 1990, when George Bush struggled to find an argument for defending Kuwait that resonated with the public, President Clinton can pick and choose from Iraq's terrifying array of poison gases and killer germs as a rationale to bomb away.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen, playing show-and-tell on national television a couple of weeks ago, plunked down a five-pound bag of sugar and proclaimed that if the sugar were anthrax, a deadly bacteria, it could kill half the population of Washington. In case anyone missed his point, he said last week that the United Nations believes Iraq may have produced up to 200 tons of VX nerve gas, "theoretically enough to kill every man, woman, and child on the face of the Earth."

The public and Congress agree on the urgency of destroying Mr. Hussein's ability to inflict mass destruction. "We cannot let stand what they are doing," Senator Lott said.

All this demonstrates that Americans are still willing to fight to win a war that seems morally unambiguous. But the stakes have to be high enough and clearly defined, and the bad guy must be really bad. And since the end of the cold war, these clear-cut choices about what America must defend seem harder to come by.

Beyond the case of Iraq, the more likely model for American military operations in the foreseeable future is peacemaking, particularly if it can be described as a humanitarian venture. Cadets at West Point train for



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### Apology and the Holocaust

## The Pope's in a Confessional, And Jews Are Listening

By CELESTINE BOHLEN

**M**ORE than any other Pope in history, Pope John Paul II — leader of the world's almost one billion Roman Catholics — has asked forgiveness for the sins, crimes and errors committed in the name of his faith.

He has apologized for the persecution of Protestants, for the crimes of the Crusaders; he has asked forgiveness for the abuses of Europe's colonial-era proselytizing around the world; he has voiced regret at the church's repression of Galileo and condemned its silence regarding Italy's own murderous Mafia.

But with only two years to go before Christianity closes the books on its first 2,000 years, the Pope has yet to ask forgiveness of the Jews for the violence they have suffered over the centuries at the hands of the church,

its followers and, in some cases, its leaders. Most particularly, he has yet to make a reckoning of what many have condemned as the silence of the Vatican during the systematic slaughter of Europe's Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

And it is this apology that weighs most heavily on the church. It was first promised in 1987 by the Pope himself in a meeting with American Jewish leaders in Miami. It has been anticipated in apologies to the Jews by the Catholic bishops of Germany, Poland, Hungary and, most recently, France, for the failure of their local churches to oppose the Holocaust.

Many Jewish leaders see the long-awaited papal statement on the church, anti-Semitism and the Holocaust — being prepared by the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism — as the conclusive test of the willingness of the church to confront its share



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# The World

## Castro Foe's Legacy: Success, Not Victory

By MIRTA OJITO

MIAMI  
**F**LAGS are flying at half-staff here and mourners are flocking to a cemetery in Little Havana, the heart of the Cuban exile community, to grieve at the freshly dug grave of Jorge Mas Canosa, the longtime leader of the most powerful Cuban exile organization in the United States, who died here a week ago today after a yearlong battle with cancer.

His death, at 58, has united foes and admirers in one thought: His passing was, they say, untimely. He died relatively young and far from reaching his goal of one day returning to a democratic Cuba, one without

ambitious Castro antagonist is said to have accepted his fate.

Those closest to him say this acceptance was a testament to an unshakable religious faith. But it may have also been a testament to Mr. Mas' greatest asset as an astute lobbyist and political leader: his impeccable sense of timing. His political success had been so thorough, his accomplishments so great that there was little more he could do for Cuba from this side of the Florida Straits while Mr. Castro remained in power.

### Victories

In his zeal to oust the Castro regime, he had masterfully exploited the power of the United States — a country he perhaps knew more intimately than his own. In doing that, however, Mr. Mas had effectively closed off his own options. He could no longer hope to shape United States policy toward Cuba because he had already pretty much done so, through a series of laws that he helped to conceive, write and pass to tighten the decades-old American embargo against the island.

### Jorge Mas Canosa died not in Havana but Miami, where the exile leader had little left to accomplish.

Fidel Castro, the revolutionary who has ruled the island for the last 38 years. A multi-millionaire with both a common touch and the trappings of power — including a bodyguard, a bulletproof car and a fiercely loyal retinue — Mr. Mas never denied that one day he hoped to run for office in Cuba.

### A Sense of Timing

Just six months ago Mr. Mas told a reporter that he was not gravely ill and that he was going to outlive those who were spreading rumors about his impending death. But in the end, his cancer-wracked body down to less than 100 pounds and his hair all but gone, the

Although Mr. Mas was by no means idle in the last month of his life, nor had his foundation lost its clout in Washington, both he and the foundation had lost the impetus that comes only when there is much work to do.

In the United States, Mr. Mas had, in effect, done everything possible until now, and done it quickly and very well. He could have lobbied for more laws to antagonize Mr. Castro, his supporters say, but it would have been difficult to top what he had already managed to accomplish.

From the moment the Cuban-American National Foundation was created in 1981, Mr. Mas showed a knack for riding the wave of America's moods. The tax-exempt foundation was the brainchild of Richard Allen, President Reagan's first national security adviser, who thought Cuban exiles could focus their influence on Cuba policy as effectively as the American Israel Political Action Committee — Aipac — had lobbied on behalf of Israel in Washington.



Outside St. Michael's Church in Miami last week, mourners for Jorge Mas Canosa, the Cuban exile leader.

Buoyed by the euphorically anti-Communist years of the Reagan Administration, the foundation cemented its power by lobbying for and eventually getting Radio Martí, a United States Government radio station that broadcasts news and entertainment to Cuba. Five years later, Mr. Mas convinced Congress that a television station was also needed. TV Martí was born.

### Shift to Congress

When members of Congress began talking about the need to open lines of communication with the people of Cuba, Mr. Mas stepped in, helping to shape the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act into a somewhat ambiguous law that tightens the decades-long embargo against Cuba while poking enough holes in it to allow for academic and cultural exchanges.

But perhaps Mr. Mas' greatest feat, accomplished with the help of his nemesis, Fidel Castro, was getting President Clinton to sign a bill that limited the White House's power on Cuban matters.

The Helms-Burton law was signed reluctantly by Mr. Clinton last year shortly after the Castro Government shot down two unarmed planes flown by Cuban exiles. It not only prescribed American penalties for foreign companies that do business with Cuba; it also put the fate of Cuba largely in the hands of Congress. It did so by shifting control of the embargo, the only weapon the United States has consistently yielded against Mr. Castro, from the President to Congress, establishing stringent conditions that must be met before it could be lifted.

Since Helms-Burton took effect, there has been very little talk in Washington about Cuba and, by definition, very little for the

Cuban-American National Foundation to do while it waited for the fall or demise of Mr. Castro. When that happens, the foundation may again use its influence in Congress to define United States policy toward Cuba.

### Turn to Europe

At the time of his illness, Mr. Mas had focused his energies in Europe, lobbying European leaders to pressure Mr. Castro to introduce democratic reforms in Cuba. Perhaps that route would have also taken Mr. Mas far. But, given European leaders' penchant for not siding with the United States on Cuban issues, perhaps not.

And 16 years after the formation of his foundation, while still vigorous and far from his main goal, Mr. Mas would have become, if far from powerless, a victim of his own success in the United States.

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such missions, and politicians have learned how to sell them. Recent efforts to halt civil or ethnic strife that threatened to get out of hand have included Stop the Famine in Somalia, Restore Democracy in Haiti and End the Genocide in Bosnia.

But Americans are still hesitant to get involved in these episodes.

As the first American troops arrived in Bosnia two years ago, a CBS News/New York Times poll found that 55 percent of those surveyed opposed the mission, while only 40 percent supported it. Respondents said Mr. Clinton had explained the situation well enough; they just didn't feel they had a direct stake in the conflict.

Today, even though no American forces in Bosnia have been killed in combat in those two years, Congress is still pressing the Administration to pull out the troops by June 1998 — although it remains to be seen just how hard lawmakers will fight so long as the mission is going well.

In Iraq, the public seems to be willing to pay a higher price — but only up to a point.

In a curious way, the thumping American military success there in 1991 is posing thorny problems for American planners now.

### Easy Win

The new-found bellicosity toward Saddam Hussein seems to spring from a belief that the military can thwart him with unmanned Tomahawk cruise missiles or a few bombing runs, and suffer few if any casualties. But this view doesn't take into account how many bombs were dropped on Iraq in 1991 without forcing a withdrawal from Kuwait. For that, it took tanks and infantry.

Disarming Mr. Hussein's arsenal of horror weapons poses a similar problem. Mr. Clinton's generals have presented him with a plan to bomb every suspected weapons site in the country. But as the President himself is fond of pointing out, the 88,000 tons of bombs dropped on Iraq during the gulf war had less success in destroying its clandestine arsenal than have United Nations inspectors since the war.

Without inspectors on the ground, the only other reliable option would be to send in ground forces. No one in the Administration wants to talk about that, mainly because of the much higher risk of casualties.

And unlike Mr. Stephanopoulos, 55 percent of Americans surveyed in a recent Gallup poll opposed a plan to kill Mr. Hussein — even though, according to another poll, 73 percent thought he should have been ousted in 1991.

Even in Iraq, it seems, Americans are more comfortable with uneasy coexistence than with sending a hit man to deal with the enemy they feel should have been removed six years ago.

So the war of nerves continues.

### School for Scandal

## The Burning of a Russian Crusader

By ALESSANDRA STANLEY

and almost certainly prompted his enemies to use it to try and destroy him.

The book contract was a stupid blunder, but beneath it lies a far graver miscalculation. Determined to destroy the last vestiges of the Soviet command economy, Mr. Chubais helped create the crony capitalism that grew in its stead. He then tried to use Russia's corrupt oligarchy, figuring he could tame it and replace it with a more open, free-market system. But he badly underestimated the bankers' resistance to change — and his own vulnerability.

During the 1996 presidential campaign, Mr. Chubais, as President Boris N. Yeltsin's campaign manager, struck a Faustian bargain with the tycoons who are now at war with him. He took their money and used their media outlets, and with their collusion brazenly flouted election rules to keep a Communist victory at bay — the state in effect undermined democracy to save it. But the abuses were hardly in line with the kind of government accountability Mr. Chubais says he stands for.

### Payback Time

Russian journalists, who feared that a Communist victory would crush freedom of the press, also dropped all pretense of fairness and balanced coverage. They are now paying the price; their newspapers are mostly owned by bankers who expect the same standards of journalism that "pre-

### A Western-style morality tale with a homegrown twist.

served" democracy in the election to now serve their business interests.

When Mr. Yeltsin won, the businessmen who bankrolled his campaign expected a payoff from the Kremlin, and helped Mr. Chubais secure his lofty position as First Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy and economic reform. Once in power, however, Mr. Chubais thought he had a mandate to break with the past and set new standards of free-market competition and fair play. Instead, in the vast sea of corruption and cronyism at the top, he was the one accused of favoritism.

On the surface, the exposure of Mr. Chubais's book deal was a textbook example of solid journalism — except that the story was broken by a reporter who writes for newspapers belonging to one of the businessmen most bitterly disgruntled by Mr. Chubais's efforts to change the rules of the game, a banker and media tycoon named Vladimir Gusinsky. Mr. Gusinsky was abetted by Boris Berezovsky, an oil and media tycoon who also made his fortune on the back of the

sweetheart deals and favoritism that characterized Mr. Chubais's early efforts at privatization. When Mr. Chubais persuaded Mr. Yeltsin to fire Mr. Berezovsky earlier this month from his perch on the national security council, the two tycoons easily dug up the smoking book contract to wreak their revenge.

What Mr. Chubais really intended to do with his share of the advance he and four other associates collected remains a mystery. Shortly before the scandal broke, Mr. Chubais said 95 percent of the royalties from the planned book, a history of privatization, would be donated to charity. If that was his intention he failed to follow through; the day the story about his hefty advance appeared early this month, his allies hastily set up an economic reform foundation. But that foundation was controlled by the same former Chubais aide who was entrusted in the presidential campaign with a \$3 million interest-free loan to Mr. Chubais from Stolichny Bank, which benefited from previous privatization deals.

Mr. Chubais has yet to explain the transactions. In the siege mentality that reigns at Chubais headquarters, the money might seem like a legitimate war chest. But outside the Kremlin combat zone, it looks like a slush fund.

Mr. Chubais has not admitted doing anything wrong, but has conceded that his \$90,000 fee was too high. Actually, the main thing in his favor is the relatively paltry sum of his payment, which is a fortune to ordinary Russians but risible compared to the millions of dollars in bribes that are traded between Government officials and top businessmen every day in Russia.

### A Paper Trail

If Mr. Chubais was simply seeking to get rich, he could easily have followed the well-trod path of cash payments and numbered Swiss accounts. It seems unlikely he was seeking to line his own pockets; Mr. Chubais is obsessed with power and his role in history, not with Armani suits and foreign cars. A somewhat priggish bureaucrat, he may well have tried to hew as close to the line of legality as possible. In doing so, he left a paper trail that his enemies — who are far cleverer at hiding their own ill-gotten gains — proved only too eager to exploit.

Mr. Chubais came into government five years ago as a free-market crusader. Faced with the ugly reality of Russia's entrenched corruption, he went on to make pragmatic but deeply damaging compromises on the age-old calculation that the end — economic stability and reform — justified the means.

Mr. Yeltsin has reached the same conclusion. Pressured by Parliament, the public and the country's leading bankers to dismiss Mr. Chubais, he has so far resisted. Mr. Yeltsin has said he deplores the ethical breach but argues that Russia's fragile economy cannot afford the loss of Mr. Chubais. On Friday, Mr. Yeltsin was quick to add, "for now."

For now, at least, Mr. Chubais has been saved by the very practice of unprincipled pragmatism and compromise he entered public service vowing to reform.



In March, protesters burned effigies of the Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov, left, Boris Yeltsin, center, and Anatoly Chubais.





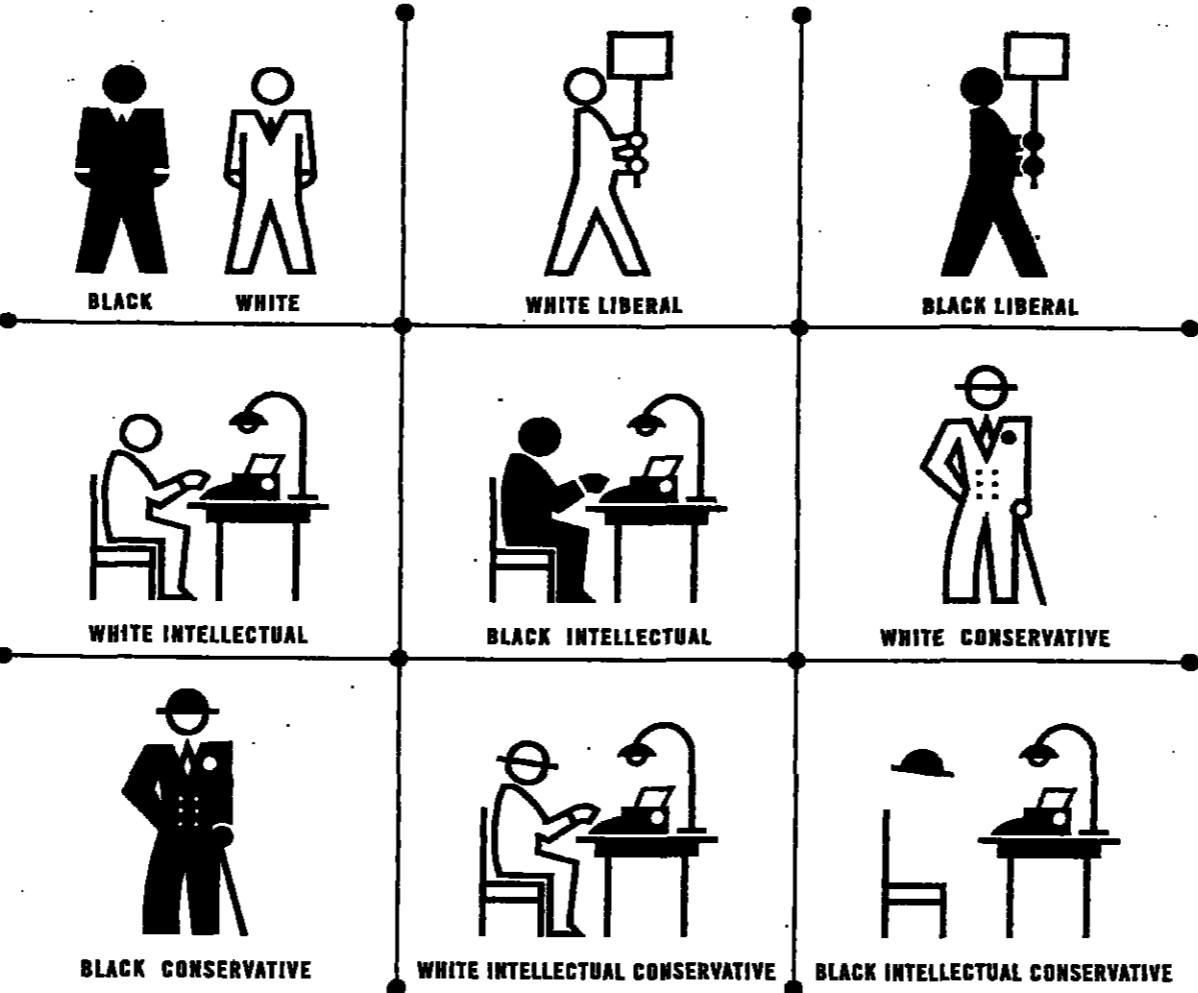


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By Glenn C. Loury

TRY to understand my problem. As a black conservative intellectual, I belong to an endangered species...



courage greater inclusion of blacks in American institutions. Once conservatives promoted programs that required work in exchange for welfare benefits...

Conservatives no longer know how to talk about race.

made by Dinesh D'Souza in 'The End of Racism,' which held that blacks are culturally inferior. A few weeks ago when I suggested to a gathering of conservatives that their seeming hostility to every social program smacked of indifference to the 'poor,' I was told that a surgeon could not properly be said to have no concern for a terminally ill patient simply because he had moved on to the next case...

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Atrocities against Algerian women.

States to victims who are unable to be heard in Algeria. And it brings the reality of the Algerian tragedy closer to Americans who might not otherwise be aware of it.

One of the plaintiffs is a woman whose son, after speaking out against the F.I.S., was assassinated. Another is a woman whose husband and brother-in-law were murdered by F.I.S. supporters. A third is a woman who was kidnapped and gang-raped by terrorists when she was 17.

Mr. Haddam has been in the United States since 1993. He raised money and otherwise promoted the F.I.S. while seeking political asylum here on the grounds — hold on to your hat — that he was a victim of persecution. He was denied asylum last year and has since been in Federal custody pending possible deportation. He is appealing the asylum decision.

Ironically, the F.I.S. has come to be seen by many as a moderating force in the Algerian turmoil that has taken more than 60,000 lives since 1992. And Mr. Haddam has repeatedly denied that he was involved in any terror activity.

But Ms. Copelon and other human rights workers have pointed out that the F.I.S. has for years been entwined with groups that are openly dedicated to the establishment of an Islamic state through violence and terror, and to the ruthless subjugation of women. And Mr. Haddam has time and again expressed his public support of specific terrorist attacks and what he describes as the "armed struggle."

According to Mr. Haddam, all of the armed groups come from the same "womb, and that womb is F.I.S."

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# A minor problem

### A 16-year-old boy was subjected to brutal treatment in prison while awaiting expulsion for illegal entry into Israel. The case of Sasha is only one example of the way the legal system deals with juveniles, Dan Izenberg reports

Sixteen-year-old Sasha is back home in Ukraine, in shock and suffering from post-traumatic stress, after having been continuously tortured by his cellmates in the Kishon lockup in the Haifa area for days, if not weeks, while awaiting expulsion for illegal entry to Israel.

"The story of Sasha is a Stalinist story," said Pamela Butler, a lawyer in the Haifa branch of Defense for Children International (DCI). "I deal with children in distress all the time. This is one of the worst cases I have ever seen. It is what you imagine could have happened in the Soviet Union, not Israel."

But according to Yitzhak Kadman, head of the National Council for the Welfare of the Child, Sasha's case may be extreme, but it is symptomatic of all that is wrong with the practice of arrest and detention of minors before trial in Israel.

Sasha (not his real name) arrived in Israel with his 24-year old sister, Natasha, on July 19. Natasha had intended to resume her work as a prostitute, here. She had been in Israel for nine months in 1994 before being caught and deported. During that time, she had managed to send back \$300 to \$400 a month to her destitute family.

This summer, Natasha decided to return and bring her little brother with her. In the hopes of avoiding the more vigilant airport passport control, they took a tourist cruise from Cyprus with a one-day stopover in Israel. In Jerusalem, they hooked up with Natasha's pimp and abandoned the group. A week later, they were arrested by police in Haifa.

their clothes, bring them food, and beat him up so severely that when he was told to go for a walk, he refused. It turned out he couldn't.

"According to the police investigation, Sasha's cellmates made hundreds of cuts with a razor blade on his shoulder, set fire to plastic cheese containers and poured the molten plastic on his cuts, saying they wanted to tattoo him.

**"What often happens is that the punishment the minors receive before they are even found guilty is much worse than anything that happens to them afterwards. This is not what the lawmakers intended"**

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Sasha, who spoke no Hebrew, was separated from his sister and sent to the Kishon lockup, where he was put in a cell with detainees almost two years older than him. That night, they beat him up.

The next day, Sasha, his sister and three other prostitutes arrested at the same time were brought to Nazareth Magistrate's Court for a hearing. The judge, Rayek Jarjura, extended Sasha's remand in custody by 10 days to give the Interior Ministry time to prepare his expulsion order. An interpreter was on hand and a policeman explained the basic proceedings, but Sasha received no legal counsel or help from a juvenile probation officer. The judge, who had been informed of Sasha's beating the night before, went out of his way to instruct the police to keep an eye on the youth during what was supposed to be his brief incarceration.

Sasha returned to Kishon, and was placed in a cell with three other, older minors. For the next six weeks, Sasha had no contact with the outer world. His only contacts were with his guards, who took no notice of him, and his cellmates who viciously brutalized him.

"Sasha was forgotten in jail — as if this were Teheran," said Phillip Veerman, the chairman of DCI-Israel. According to Veerman, Sasha's cellmates "turned him into a slave at every possible hour of the day when the guards weren't looking. They made him wash

"On one occasion, they took an electric fork for boiling water and burned his shoulder. On another, they said they wanted a ninja. They ordered him to sharpen a piece of metal; then told him to undress and tried to stick it into his buttocks. When it didn't penetrate, they ordered him to sharpen it some more and then stabbed him with it dozens, if not hundreds, of times, sometimes leaving it in his flesh for a minute or two." They also warned Sasha that if he told the police, they would kill him.

It is not clear from the testimony how long the torture went on. On September 7, two days before Sasha was to be deported, a policeman who was sent to prepare him for his departure, noticed a haematoma, i.e., severe bleeding, in the eye. Sasha was removed from the cell and taken to B'nei Zion Hospital for treatment. There he was questioned by police, who had opened an investigation against his cellmates. At first, terrified by the threats they had made in jail, Sasha refused to talk. He opened up only after his investigators promised him he would never have to see his tormentors again.

According to Nava Keidar, acting head of juvenile probation services at the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, the Juvenile Law states clearly that an adult caretaker must be informed immediately after the detention of a minor. If

parents are unavailable, a juvenile probation officer must be contacted. The law applies to all underage detainees, whether citizens or not. In Sasha's case, however, it was only after he was taken to hospital that the juvenile probation service was informed.

DCI attorney Butler and a Russian-speaking probation officer visited him. "His eye was one big red spot," said Butler. "He was very underweight with a sunken face and pale skin. As he told us what had happened to him, he began to cry. The social worker who was recording his testimony started crying, too."

Sasha's deportation, scheduled for September 9, was postponed so that he could give testimony in court against his cellmates. Despite everything he had endured, he was sent back to jail and given lodging in the lockup's visitors' room, sleeping on a bed consisting of two benches. No one thought to provide him with psychological counseling while he waited — for over three weeks — for Haifa District Court to summon him. According to Veerman, it was only thanks to the prodding of the DCI and the juvenile probation services that the Haifa court finally set a date.

The hearing had not appeared on the schedule up to a few days before it actually took place. Even then, Sasha had to wait another week before he could return home because the government deported illegal aliens only aboard El Al and the next flight to Ukraine turned out to be a week later.

Northern District Police Spokesman Dep.-Cmdr. Boaz Goldberg told *The Jerusalem Post* that it took guards six weeks to discover what was happening to Sasha because "the wounds were not on exposed parts of the body." He added that Sasha had never complained even though police had asked him how he was faring "on several occasions."

"Unless a person complains, it's impossible to know what is going on," said Goldberg. It was only as Sasha was about to be deported that a policeman "saw something strange in his behavior and took him aside." Asked what had aroused the policeman's suspicion, Goldberg replied: "The boy moved oddly." Goldberg acknowledged that the police had erred in not informing the juvenile probation service as soon as Sasha was jailed. "It was a mistake on the part of the Haifa Central Unit. The commander of Northern District has reprimanded the head of the unit," said Goldberg.

FOR Yitzhak Kadman, Sasha's experience is only one example — albeit a terrible one — of the reprehensible way the legal system deals with minors suspected of committing offenses. "Too many minors are arrested in the first place, and too many of those who are arrested remain in jail too long," said Kadman, adding that in 1995, the last year for which he has figures, 3,411 minors were detained in jail, 65.5 percent of them remained behind bars for more than 24 hours, and 12 percent were held for more than a week.

beings and certainly not minors." Kadman also complained that the youths have nothing to do in jail. "There is no library or games room," he said. "They get bored and boredom leads to violence." This problem is compounded by



"There is no reason to jail first-time suspected offenders or those suspected of minor crimes, such as stealing a bicycle or a credit card or illegal entry to Israel. The police internal guidelines urge police to refrain from arresting minors as much as possible. I can't say they go out of their way to abide by that guideline."

According to Kadman, police also ignore the rights of minors during interrogation. "In many cases, the questioning does not take place in the presence of a lawyer or other adult who can advise the child, he said.

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said Kadman, the guidelines call for separating different types of suspects. In reality, it is often impossible. In Beersheba, for example, there are only two cells for minors. The authorities reserve one for Arabs and the other for

detention of minors," he said. "Some of those who are detained are never put on trial. Others are put on trial and found innocent or convicted but not sent to jail. Why should such people be put into the lockup in the first place? What often happens is that the punishment the minors receive before they are even found guilty is much worse than anything that happens to them afterwards. This is not what the lawmakers intended."

The Justice Ministry is working on legislation that would implement sweeping reforms in the system. But this has been on the drawing boards for a long time, and some experts in the field say the reason it is taking so long is because it is low on the list of priorities.

Meanwhile, the DCI is not waiting. Veerman said his organization plans to sue the state for damages on Sasha's behalf.

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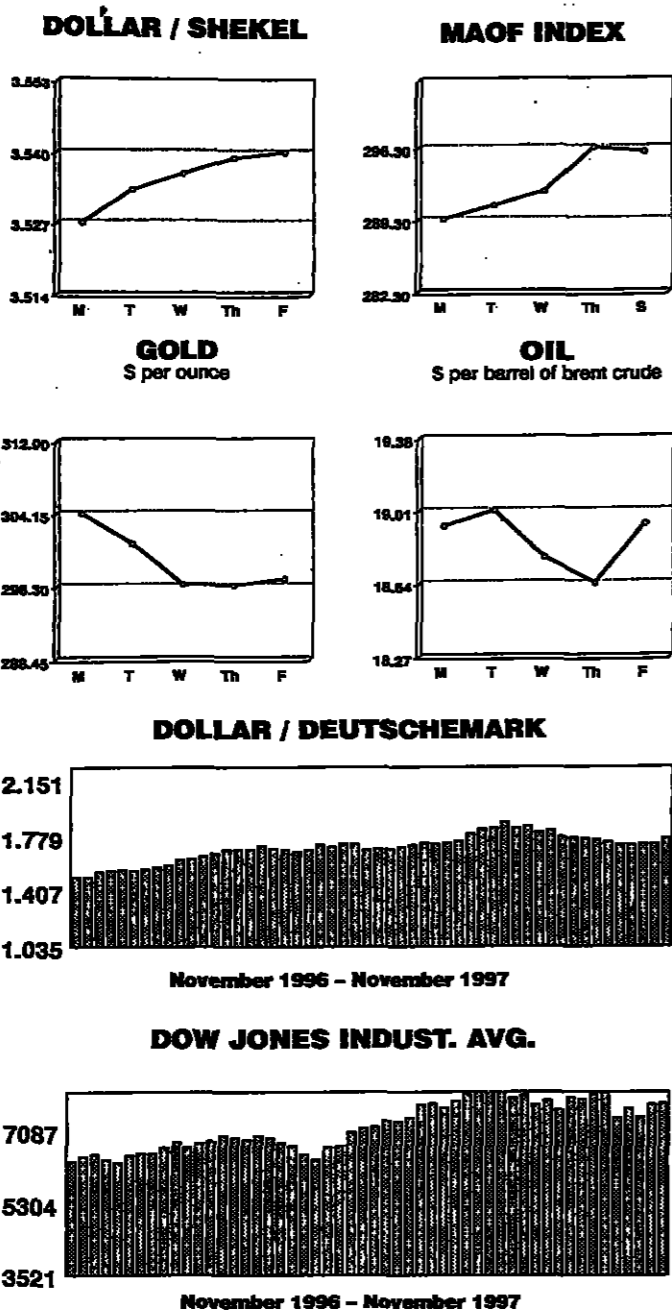
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**Magal to purchase Perimeter Products**  
Magal Security Systems said yesterday that it has reached an agreement with California-based Perimeter Products Inc and its shareholders to acquire the company for \$4.4 million in cash. PPI develops, manufactures and markets security systems. The company reported sales of \$4 million in 1996. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

**British-Israeli council hoping to improve trade**  
Members of the Israel-Britain Business Council will meet in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, in the group's latest bid to improve trade relations between the countries. During the gathering, members will discuss the activities of the five working groups: health, finance, high-tech, infrastructure and tourism. The council, established two years ago, also aims to link Israeli and British firms for work in third countries. The organization is jointly chaired by Marks and Spencer Chairman Sir Richard Greenberry and Manufacturers Association President Dan Propper. *David Harris*

## El Al moves back into the black

El Al reported a marked improvement in the three-quarters balance, with a profit of \$21.4 million, compared to a loss of \$43 million during the first nine months of 1996, a net improvement of \$64 million. However, because of expected losses in the fourth quarter, the company still expects to end the year with a net loss of \$10 million to \$20 million, El Al spokesman Nachman Klieiman said yesterday. The main increase in revenues came during the third quarter, the summer season, which is a traditionally profitable period for the

airline, when the net profit came to \$42.7 million, compared to \$11 million during the period of last year. This year, the company noted, there continued to be a drop in incoming tourists and a rise in the number of Israelis traveling abroad. IDB Holdings Corporation reported a third-quarter net profit of NIS 135 million compared with net loss of NIS 5.8m in the same time last year. During the first nine months of the year net profit surged to NIS 242.4m, from NIS 78.2m a year

earlier. The rise is partly attributed to the sale by the company's subsidiary, Discount Investments, of its stake in the metal cutting tools company, Iscar, to the Wertheimer family, in exchange for NIS 699m. Income rose in the third-quarter to NIS 1 billion, from NIS 465.4m in the corresponding

quarter in 1996. During the first nine months the company had income of NIS 2.1b., compared with NIS 1.4b. a year earlier. IDB Development Corporation, a subsidiary of IDB Holdings, said that third-quarter net profit amounted to NIS 189m, compared with a net loss of NIS 3.9m a year ago. During the first nine months of the year, net profit rose to NIS 333.5m., from NIS 122.3m. a year earlier. Harel Hamishmar reported yesterday that net profit fell in the

third quarter to NIS 14.6m. from NIS 15.5m. a year earlier. During the first nine months of the year, net profit rose to NIS 50.5m., compared with NIS 44.1m. in the corresponding period in 1996. The company said that its income from general insurance activities plunged in the third quarter to NIS 4.5m. from NIS 24.4m. a year ago. In a statement, the company attributed the sharp drop to car thefts and a decline in housing and cars insurance premiums. *Haim Shapiro contributed to this report.*

### RESULTS



**Hard times**  
Two South Korean women pass by a bank advertisement displaying happier times in Seoul. South Korea has asked the International Monetary fund for \$20 billion to get through a short-term debt crisis that has pushed a number of banks to the brink of insolvency. See Pages 6, 20. *(Reuters)*

## EU, Israel reach juice agreement

The European Union and Israel reached an agreement over the weekend that ends the four-year dispute over Israeli orange juice exports to the EU, according to a statement issued by the Customs and VAT Authority. At the end of talks in Brussels between EU officials and an Israeli team headed by Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon, the sides issued a joint statement, which said the talks were held in a "positive atmosphere" and a series of steps for "concrete action" had been agreed between the participants. The agreement should allow for

the early withdrawal of the EU notice advising all European importers that all Israeli goods could be in breach of trade stipulations, according to the statement. The disagreement arose after the EU alleged Israeli fruit juice manufacturers were mixing Israeli juice with Brazilian juice before packaging and export to Europe. The manufacturers' representatives strongly deny this, maintaining the EU has no evidence to back its accusations. Prior to the meeting, the EU demanded Israel hand over proof of country-of-origin documentation for all orange juice exports between 1991 and 1995, but the

Israeli manufacturers said it was an impossible task. The European negotiators backed down and only requested the details from June 1995 until the present. Eventually, the sides agreed the Customs Authority would supply the data for June to December 1995, no later than January 10. In response the EU civil servants promised to do their utmost to withdraw their warning notice within 30 days of receiving the information they are demanding. Juice manufacturers have told Ayalon that any retroactive fines for alleged illegal exports to the EU could kill the industry. During the 1990s sales have fallen from

600 million to 250 million, with a number of factories falling from 15 to five. On the wider front, Israeli exporters, led by the Manufacturers Association, had expressed their concern that the EU warning to importers could cause severe economic damage. The trade deficit with the EU totaled \$6.7 billion last year, 72% of Israel's overall deficit, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The two sides have made an effort to reduce that gap with this year's signing of agreements on public procurement and telecommunications.

## Bezeq cuts result in NIS 266m. Jan.-Oct. loss

Bezeq Israel Telecom reported yesterday a net loss of NIS 266 million during the first nine months of the year, compared with net income of NIS 494m. a year earlier. The company said the net loss was primarily due to a provision of over NIS 1 billion for the implementation of the new organizational structure, which calls for the retirement of 1,800 employees. Net income in the third quarter rose to NIS 148m., from NIS 161.9m. during the same period last year. The phone monopoly said revenues from telecommunication services in the third quarter fell to NIS 2b., from NIS 2.2b. during the same period last year. In a statement, Bezeq said the decrease in revenues was primarily due to a decline in revenues from international telecommunication services as a result of the opening of the market to competition during the third quarter. Analysts said the results were within expectations. "Overall I don't feel surprised by the numbers," said Debra Kodish, a telecom analyst at Zamek Securities. "The international market they still hold a size market share, and I believe that they can maintain 50 percent of the market. Even if they hold 45%, they can handle the situation." Bezeq CEO Ami Erel emphasized the increase in activity in the domestic and cellular sectors. The company said that the new organizational structure is expected to save approximately NIS 400m. in expenses each year. Kodish said she is satisfied with the steps the company has taken. "The management took very aggressive steps to increase the operating profits and in making the company more efficient."

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TASE mixed after rise on Wall Street

Stocks closed mixed after Wall Street rose in holiday-shortened trading Friday, as Bezeq and Elite Industries Ltd. posted third-quarter results, and the government approved a redeployment in the West Bank.

The Maot Index eased 0.14 percent to 295.68, the Mishtanim Index slipped 0.08% to 285.58 and the Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index moved up 0.24 to 95.83.

Bezeq and candy and coffee maker Elite posted "good results," said Jonathan Dollberg, head of sales at Sahar Securities. "There are a few good signs for stocks," including the cabinet approval of a second troop withdrawal from the West Bank, and "better than expected" earnings.

Bezeq rose 0.25% as the company reported net income fell 8% on 10% lower revenue. This summer, the company faced competition in long-distance service for the first time. Elite Series 5 shares jumped 4%.

IMF: Asia will gain from crisis

Asia's troubled economies will emerge stronger from their financial crises as they apply appropriate economic reforms, International Monetary Fund Director-General Michel Camdessus said yesterday.

"Now, we are in a vicious circle of no trust," said Camdessus in a speech to the IESE business school in Barcelona, Spain. "With the IMF programs that are already being applied in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and will be working in Korea soon, plus the reforms in Japan's banking sector, trust will come back again."

His remarks came as an IMF team is in South Korea poring over that government's books to piece together a bailout package of about \$20 billion, the third in as many months. The IMF has already pieced together \$17.2b. for Thailand and \$23b. for Indonesia this year.

The economic trouble in Southeast Asia has led to the depreciation of the region's currencies, something which could help their economies in the short term, Camdessus said. "Southeast Asian currencies have fallen below what is reasonable. But I'm sure that when trust returns, their exchange rates will rise. In the short term, though, these countries will benefit from exchange-rate competitiveness,"

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AROUND THE HORNE - New Zealand century maker Matthew Horne sweeps the ball for four as Australia's Mark Waugh looks on.

# Merseyside misery continues for Everton

**By ALAN BALDWIN**

LIVERPOOL (Reuters) - A picture of Croatian international Slaven Bilic was splashed on the front of the official Everton club magazine on Saturday over the caption "Why I won't run away." He may not be, but the goals, the luck and the Premier League points have scampers down the road and over the horizon for a once-great club at the bottom of the league.

After Everton lost 2-0 at Goodison Park to fellow strugglers Tottenham Hotspur - another out-of-sorts member of English soccer's "Big Five" - several hundred fans refused to leave the ground shouting abuse at the beleaguered chairman Peter Johnson and demanding he leave the club.

Repeated loudspeaker announcements from police for the fans to go home were ignored. One announcement said: "You have made your protest, for the good name of Everton Football Club, please leave," but it took another 45 minutes for the fans to go.

Outside the stadium several hundred chanted: "Johnson out, we want Johnson out. Where's the money gone?"

Officials had earlier denied reports that police had laid on a special escort for him as mere rumors, as spurious as reports earlier in the month that the club was about to be rescued by the super-rich Sultan of Brunei.

Everton, one of the 12 founders of the League in 1888, have been in the top flight since 1954 - longer than any bar Arsenal.

And in the 99 seasons of league soccer since the league started they have spent a record 95 in the top division. But for the first time for a generation, the realization is beginning to dawn among the blue half of Liverpool that relegation is a real possibility.

Everton have been in danger repeatedly in recent seasons but they have always managed to stay up.

Now the club, champions nine times, the last occasion as recently as 1987, European Cup Winners' Cup winners in 1985 and FA Cup winners in 1995, are in serious danger of going down.

There appears to be no sign of a rescuer, although a striker or any big name signing would help a team woefully lacking in firepower.

Former Evertonian Alan Ball, who won the league with the club 27 years ago, recently described Everton as "a house on fire, the walls are totally burned down and if the blaze isn't put out soon it is going to engulf the entire club."

Kevin Ratcliffe, Everton's most successful captain in the 1980s, wrote: "I think the squad is not big and experienced enough to handle the Premier League at the moment." A point of drift of Barnsley at the bottom, there is little to suggest a brighter future.

Goalkeeper Neville Southall was marking his 750th match for the club on Saturday but he was not celebrating.

Everton have not won away since December last year and there is not much encouragement to draw from the next match on December 6 at Leeds. Everton have not won there in the league since 1951.

Spurs, themselves in trouble after 16 games, were not particularly tough opponents despite it being the first match under new Swiss mskmaster Christian Gross.

They had, like Everton, lost their last four matches but Tottenham put their game together in the second half and were well worth their 2-0 win in the end.

Swiss defender Ramon Vega fittingly scored the first goal of the Gross era with a header in the 72nd minute.

Frenchman David Ginola then made it 2-0 in the 76th rounding off an outstanding build-up with a fine individual goal.

Gross was delighted, Tottenham boss Alan Sugar was pleased after slamming his men on Friday night.

"Some don't deserve to wear the shirt... My opinion is that the demise of the club is because of a lack of team spirit," Sugar was quoted as saying in Saturday's newspapers.

Gross started his first news conference in charge by politely disagreeing with the chairman.

"The chairman is the chairman of the club, but I am in charge of the team and I don't believe he said such things. All I can say is that I was delighted with the effort shown."

"I want the players to live up to the badge, the cockerel. It shows fighting spirit and pride, and that is what my players must show, and they did today."

Everton manager Howard Kendall, a Goodison hero appointed manager for the third time in June, was meanwhile asked jokingly if he had total confidence in his chairman.

"I feel for the players and I feel for the man whose name is being chanted outside as well," he said.

Bilic, who moved from West Ham in the summer because he wanted to join a club with more chance of winning honors, might well, as he says, be staying.

But the fans who stayed on Saturday also had a message. A very angry message.

Big clubs like Everton and Tottenham are not immune from failure. Big clubs can go down, and, as Manchester City, for one, are discovering, it can be a very long haul back.

# Horne hits debut ton as Kiwis opt for surprise declaration

HOBART (Reuters) - Recalled New Zealand opener Matthew Horne scored his debut Test century yesterday, shoring up another wobbly New Zealand batting effort and ensuring his team would avoid a 3-0 series defeat by Australia.

Horne's disciplined innings of 133 even gave New Zealand the chance to push for victory.

They made a surprise declaration at 251 for six half an hour before stumps on the fourth day of the third Test, which may resurrect a match which was meandering to a draw because of rain.

Australia were 14 without loss at the close, hoping to rattle on another 100 or so early on the fifth day to set New Zealand a reasonable target. Having made 400 in the first innings, Australia have a lead of 163.

A day and a half of the Test has been washed out.

New Zealand's enterprising declaration gave them an opportunity to salvage something from a series in which they have lost the first two Tests.

Earlier in the sessions before tea Horne and wicket-keeper Adam Parore produced their team's best batting performance of the tour

with a partnership of 132.

But their diligence was tarnished by a middle-order collapse more reminiscent of New Zealand batting efforts in the first two tests.

Part-time medium pacer Steve Waugh took three wickets for two runs in a devastating 19-ball spell either side of the tea interval.

Five wickets fell for 37 runs before Chris Cairns and Nathan Asle steadied the ship late in the innings.

Horne displayed great patience and a ruthless ability to punish anything pitched short on a flat, slow Bellerive Oval.

The 27-year-old New Zealander brought up his maiden Test century with a touch of elegance, dabbing a short, wide ball from pacer Simon Cook through the gully for four.

The century in his sixth Test came from 188 balls in 243 minutes and included seven fours and the one six. It was his 10th Test century and his first on this tour.

Horne was brought into the team in Hobart at the last minute after first-choice opener Blair Pocock failed a fitness Test with a broken bone in his foot.

His century was the only one by a New Zealander in the series and his 132 with Parore also broke the record for the highest second-wicket partnership by New Zealand against Australia, surpassing the unbroken 128 reached by Andrew Jones and John Wright in Wellington in 1989/90.

India-Sri Lanka

Play was abandoned on the fifth day of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka in Nagpur yesterday because of incessant rain.

The rain was washed away nearly two and a half days' play since Friday afternoon.

On Friday, India ended their first innings piling up 485 runs all out, eight minutes before lunch. The rain took over soon after, washing away the day's play. On the first day, 178 minutes of play was lost due to rain and poor light.

Only one innings' play could be completed in the last three days because of rain and poor light, after Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar won the toss and elected to bat.

Scores: India 485 all out (Navjot Sidhu 79, Rahul Dravid 92, Mohammad Azharuddin 62, Saurav Ganguly 99, Anil Kumble 78, Pushpakumara 5-122, Vaas 2-80) The first Test at Mohali near the north Indian city of Chandigarh ended in a draw.

The third and final Test begins on Wednesday in Bombay.

Pakistan-West Indies

In Rawalpindi, Aamer Sohail hit a chancy half century as Pakistan scored 122 for two in reply to West Indies first innings total of 303 on the second day of the second Test.

Brian Lara dropped a waist-high catch in the first slip off medium fast Ian Bishop with Sohail on 38 and the home team scored 76 for two.

Lara missed a sitter in the first Test at Peshawar when he floored an easy catch of Inzamamul Haq at the same position which cost them dearly as West Indies lost the match by an innings and 19 runs.

Bad light once again brought an early end to the play Sunday - 14 overs before schedule - with Sohail surviving on 62 and Haq unbeaten on 20.

Earlier, Shivnarine Chanderpaul missed an ideal opportunity to score his second Test century but played a key innings of 95 in West Indies' reasonable first innings total of 303.

Chanderpaul, the 23-year-old left-hander, hit 13 boundaries during his 267 minutes in the center and faced 154 balls. He remained in nervous nineties for 35 minutes before pacer Waqar Younis had him leg before in his fifth over with the second new ball.

# Bjorkman inspires Swedish Davis Cup success

**By JANET RAE BROOKS**

GOTHENBURG (Reuters) - Jonas Bjorkman punched the air, jumped into partner Nicklas Kulti's arms and danced ecstatically around the Scandinavian court.

The 25-year-old Swede had just led his country to their sixth Davis Cup title and taken a big step towards joining the ranks of Swedish tennis greats such as Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

How did he feel? "Easy question," he answered with a broad smile.

"Perfect. Can't feel much better. Everything has been going so much better than I was hoping when I started this year."

What a difference a year has made for both Bjorkman and Sweden who lost 3-2 to France in the 1996 final in Malmo and said goodbye to Davis Cup salwart Edberg.

Against France, Bjorkman and Kulti lost their doubles match to Guy Forget and Guillaume Raoux, with Bjorkman dropping his serve four times and making frequent unforced errors.

Then Kulti, chosen ahead of Bjorkman to replace the injured Edberg in the second reverse sin-

gles, fell in a five-set marathon to Arnaud Boetsch.

Sweden's glory days, which began in 1975 when Bjorn Borg piloted his team to victory over Czechoslovakia, appeared to be over. But Bjorkman had other ideas and in the past 12 months has admirably filled the gap left by the retirement of Edberg.

Sweden, a country of eight million people, has now contested 10 finals since the Davis Cup world group was instituted in 1981 - two more than the US.

Not even the most optimistic coach could have charted Bjorkman's spectacular rise from 69th in the ATP singles ranking in January to a career-high fourth by November.

His accomplishment ensured that at least one Swedish player has ranked in the top 10 every year since 1974.

On Friday, Bjorkman gave Sweden a crucial 1-0 lead against the US by downing Michael Chang in the opening singles, then sealed victory by combining with Kulti to beat Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark in Saturday's doubles.

"A lot of times I felt it was never going to work," said Bjorkman, one of the most personable players on the ATP tour.

"But a lot of people around me believed in me and pushed me."

Known previously as a hustler with a powerful two-handed backhand and a tendency to collapse at crucial moments, Bjorkman has developed this year into a rounded player with an improved serve, a better forehand and more fluid movement. He is now viewed as one of the best returners in the game.

Winning his first three singles titles this year - in Auckland, Indianapolis and Stockholm - has also ratcheted up his on-court confidence and mental toughness. He has won 70 matches this year, more than any other player.

One of Bjorkman's latest victims had his own explanation of how the son of a Vaxjo postman had become so difficult to beat.

"First and foremost, it's his feet," said Martin. "He's very aggressive and he's fast. He's got good balance. All of his quickness is utilized in forward motion."

"That puts him in the correct spot on the court almost every time. On top of that, he sees the ball well and he's got good hands."

After watching him defeat world No. 3 Chang at the ATP championships earlier this month, John McEnroe rated Bjorkman as probably the quickest man close to the net after US Open champion Patrick Rafter.

But as he proved against Chang on Friday, Bjorkman can also win from the baseline.

Showing more emotion on court than most Swedish players, Bjorkman also has a talent for comedy, which he puts to good use mimicking the styles of tennis greats.

Bjorkman, who like all three of his Swedish teammates lives in the tax haven of Monte Carlo, added one additional element to his game this year after Sweden beat South Africa in April's quarterfinals.

After some prodding by doubles partner Kulti, Bjorkman provoked laughter from the hometown crowd in Vaxjo by lifting up his right leg with his right hand and taking a giant step forward, the signature move of a Swedish comedy group.

Fittingly, the new top man of Swedish tennis led the Swedish team and a pantheon of retired heroes in a similar mid-court salute on Saturday to acknowledge the applause of 11,000 delirious fans.

# Venables' future in doubt after Aussie World Cup failure

MELBOURNE (AP) - Terry Venables appears certain to move on to a high profile European club team after failing to lead Australia into the World Cup in a heartbreaking qualifying loss to Iran.

Iran grabbed a 2-2 draw in front of 85,000 fans at the MCG on Saturday to make the last of 32 places in the World Cup draw on the away goals rule with a 3-3 aggregate.

Venables, whose previous sudden-death game ended in similar pain when England lost the semifinal of the European Championships, was paid a reported \$500,000 for an 18 month contract.

It was money Soccer Australia could barely afford, but it backed up by ploughing extra funds to suit Venables' every whim.

Soccer Australia chairman David Hill said Venables would be offered an extended contract but there appears to be little left for him here.

Venables, who has been linked in the media with Liverpool, Everton and Benfica, was coy about his future in the gloom of Saturday's exit.

"I don't know. It's not the right time at the moment. I don't feel too bright myself," was his only direct comment on the matter.

Hill said, "He's done absolute wonders for us."

"We not only want Terry to stay on but we want to talk to him about extending his stay beyond the middle of next year, when his current contract expires."

"His record is remarkable. He's a wonderful bloke, and a wonderful coach and we want more of him now."

Venables was in charge for 14 matches, winning 12 and getting draws in the other two - both against Iran.

"He was criticized for continuing to 'stick on' Saturday, when the hosts led 2-0 early in the second half."

Karim Bagheri pulled one back after 75 minutes and five minutes later the panicked Socceros allowed Khodadad Azizi to run through and beat Aston Villa goalkeeper Bosnich in a one-on-one.

"The players on there were playing well," Venables said.

"I was thinking about a change, in fact we were just getting ready for it. But when they scored the goal we panicked about it, worried about it and just dropped off."

Australian captain Alex Tobin was so crushed he could not speak.

Tobin, the only Australian-based player in the starting lineup, scored an own goal four years ago as Australia bowed out to Argentina in the final qualifying game.

Striker Graham Arnold, 34, a veteran of four campaigns, had already announced he would quit international soccer if Australia lost.

Southampton's Robbie Slater, 33, is another whose World Cup days look to be behind him after three attempts.

West Ham United's Stan Lazaridis was Australia's best, causing havoc down the left flank in the first half.

"I'm shattered," said Lazaridis, who was picked up off the turf by a policeman five minutes after the rest of the team had trodded to the rooms.

"It's a nightmare. Please someone shake me. In Iran, millions of fans danced in the streets to celebrate their dream."

Bagheri's family home in Tabriz was the site of a joyful celebration, the Iranian news agency reported, to express their gratitude and thank Bagheri's family for Karim Bagheri having headed the first goal.

**Paralympic volleyball star made Hall-of-Famer**

**By TOM TUGEND**

LOS ANGELES - Hagai Zamin, Israeli paralympic volleyball star, was inducted into the Paralympics Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Zamin, a world Cup gold medalist, a Paralympic champion, a world flyweight boxing champion, 1927-29, and A.J. Liebling, celebrated author and New Yorker magazine boxing journalist from the 1930s to the 1950s.

Also elected were Russia's Vera Krepinka, winner of the 1960 Olympic gold medal in the long jump; Okey Geffen, South Africa's fabled rugby international and Gyorgy Szepesi-Friedlander, Hungary's broadcasting icon since 1945.

The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame is located on the campus of Wingate Institute.

**Westwood beats Norman in playoff to win Australian Open**

MELBOURNE (AP) - Rising English star Lee Westwood stole the Australian Open from Greg Norman on the fourth playoff hole yesterday as the world No. 1 suffered another monumental crash.

Norman, the only player to lose all four majors in a playoff, was cruising with a two shot lead with two holes to play before suffering bogeys

at the 17th and 18th.

He missed a putt from five feet on the fourth playoff hole for a bogey to Westwood's par.

"I'm disappointed, of course I am," said Norman. "But I wasn't really in sync, I didn't have a whole lot of rhythm."

Norman had a putt for victory from 10 feet on the last but missed to finish the 18 holes level with Westwood at 14-under par 274.

Both players had fours at the first playoff hole as Westwood missed a chance to win the game when his long birdie putt pulled up inches short and Norman recovered well from a bunker.

On the second, Westwood hit a putt from 60 feet into the flag and it bobbed out, agonizingly, for a tap-in par, which Norman matched again.

Norman nearly chipped in for a win on the third but his shot ran inches wide.

On the fourth Norman hit a fairway bunker but blazed a five iron 20 feet away from the pin, right next to Westwood.

Westwood, who picked up \$132,500 for the win, held firm to sink his second putt.

# Jordan's 29 helps Bulls rally past Wizards

**LANDOVER (AP)** — Michael Jordan scored 29 points and the Bulls rallied from a 17-point deficit to beat the Washington Wizards 88-83 Saturday night in the final NBA game at the US Airways Arena.

The Bulls led by three before two straight baskets by Jason Caffey and a free throw by Jordan made it 80-72. After Chris Webber scored for Washington, Toni Kukoc hit a 3-pointer for an 83-74 lead with 3:48 left.

A sellout crowd of 18,756 was treated to a halftime ceremony that included 11 of the finest players to wear a Washington uniform — including Earl Monroe, Kevin Porter, Bobby Dandridge, Rick Mahorn and Wes Unseld — and the lowering of the team's championship banner from the 1977-78 season. The banner will be among those hung from the ceiling of the new MCI Center in downtown Washington, where the Wizards will begin play tomorrow night.

Washington went 576-369 in the arena originally named the Capital Centre, but is 0-5 at home this season and has lost seven of eight overall.

The Bulls got 22 points from Juwan Howard and 21 from Chris Webber, who missed most of the first half with a cut eyelid he received when Jordan fouled him on a rebound. Rod Strickland had 15 points and 12 assists for Washington.

**Knicks 102, Suns 80**  
Host New York and its league-leading defense held Phoenix to just 10 points in the first quarter and 45 points below their road average.

John Starks scored 22 points, including 14 in the second quarter, Patrick Ewing added 21 and Allan Houston had a season-high 21 for New York, which completed a sweep of the two-game season series with its second blowout of Phoenix in 23 days.

The Knicks, who held Phoenix to its season-low point total in a 105-75 victory November 6, had their eighth victory margin of at least 20 points.

Jason Kidd, who had 11 assists to surpass 2,000 for his career, scored 10 points but shot just 3-for-14 for Phoenix.

**Bucks 93, Heat 87**  
Ray Allen scored 24 points and Terrell Brandon added 19 as Milwaukee snapped a 17-game losing streak against host Miami.

The Bucks beat Miami for the first time since January 1993 and ended the Heat's six-game home winning streak by outscoring them 7-1 over the final 2:53.

Tim Hardaway led Miami with 26 points and Isaac Austin had 23 points and 10 rebounds.

**Hawks 98, Hornets 80**  
Steve Smith scored 23 points in his first game back in host Atlanta's lineup and Christian Laettner added 20.

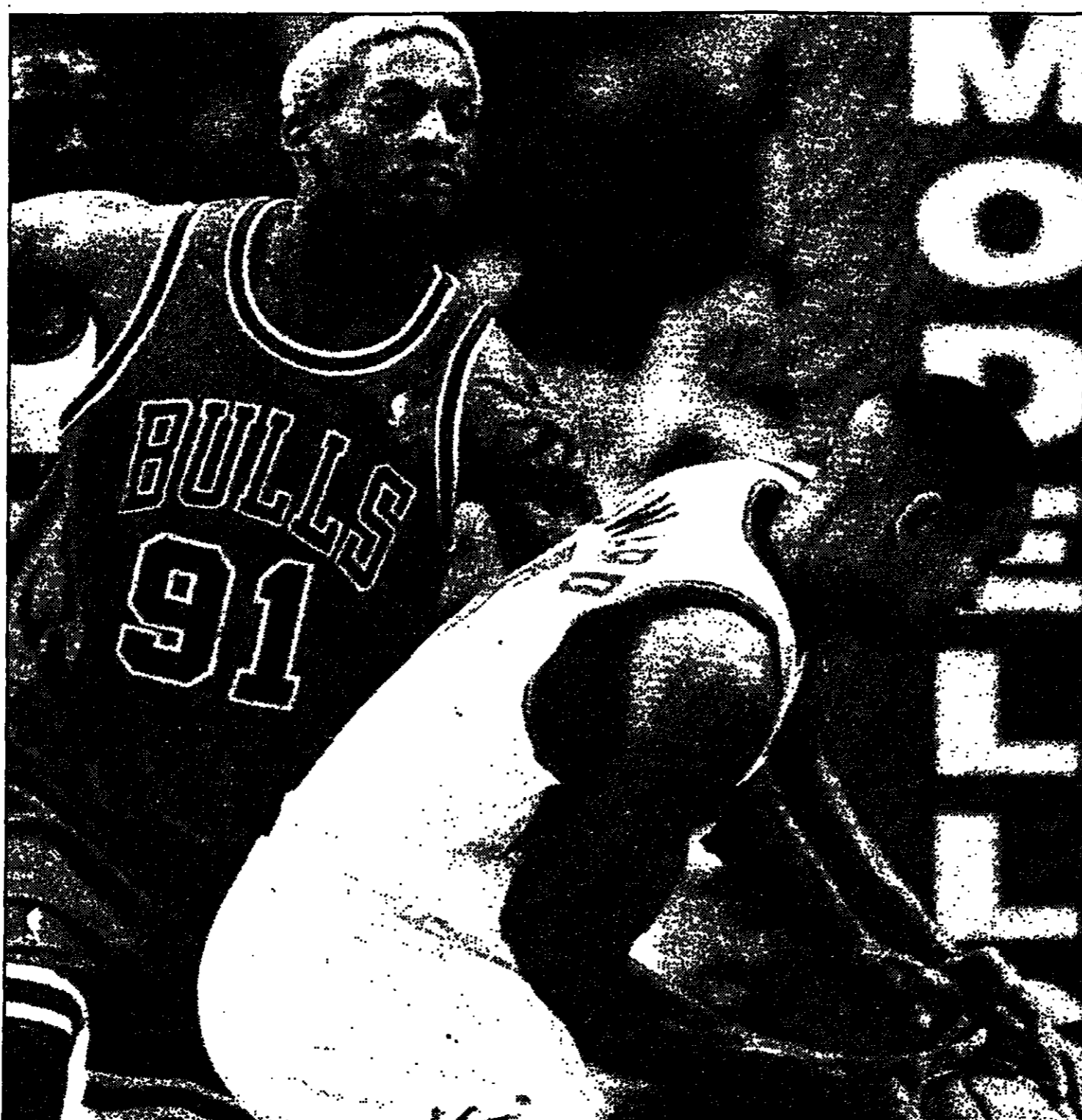
Smith, who missed two games with back spasms and another because of a death in the family, scored 10 points in the third quarter as the Hawks built a 13-point lead after three.

Dikembe Mutombo added 14 rebounds and Mookie Blaylock had nine assists as the Hawks improved to 13-2 overall and 8-1 at home.

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**SLAP HAPPY** — Bulls' Dennis Rodman is called for a foul after trying to slap the ball away from Wizards' Juwan Howard in second-quarter action. Chicago won, 88-83.

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skier matchup of the NBA's two youngest teams. The Cavaliers won their fifth straight despite a team-record 32 turnovers against Boston's pressure defense. The Celtics lost their third in a row.

Boston, playing without injured center Travis Knight, got 24 points from Antoine Walker. Ron Mercer had 14.

**Timberwolves 106**  
**Grizzlies 87**  
Tom Gugliotta scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as host Minnesota built a 34-point first-half lead and coasted.

Stephon Marbury had 14 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for

the Wolves, who snapped a five-game losing streak. Chris Carr had 17 points and Kevin Garnett had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

**Spurs 96, Mavericks 87**  
Avery Johnson scored eight of his 16 points during a 31-15 third-quarter run for the host Spurs.

David Robinson scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against an overmatched Samaki Walker, who was making his first career start at center for Dallas.

Rookie Tim Duncan added 17 points and 14 rebounds for San Antonio.

**Jazz 94, Clippers 91**  
Karl Malone's fallaway 10-foot

jump shot with 23 seconds remaining lifted visiting Utah.

Malone scored 16 of his season-high 42 points in the fourth quarter and pulled down 18 rebounds. Malone's big shot gave Utah a 92-91 lead. Jeff Honea, who added 17 points for the Jazz, made two free throws with six seconds left to complete the scoring.

Pooh Richardson missed an off-balance 3-point shot which would have tied the game, and the ball bounced back to him, but the buzzer sounded before he could get off another shot.

Eric Piatkowski, making his first start of the season, led the

Phoenix	10	17	24	28	89
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New York	10	5	.692	San Antonio	8	6	.571
Orlando	8	7	.538	Utah	8	6	.571
New Jersey	9	5	.643	Minnesota	7	8	.467
Boston	7	9	.438	Vancouver	6	11	.353
Philadelphia	4	8	.333	Dallas	4	11	.267
Washington	5	11	.313	Denver	4	12	.257

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Atlanta	13	2	.867	L.A. Lakers	12	2	.857
Charlotte	9	5	.643	Seattle	12	3	.800
Cleveland	9	6	.600	Phoenix	9	3	.750
Denver	9	6	.600	Portland	10	5	.667
Chicago	7	7	.500	Sacramento	5	10	.333
Indiana	7	7	.500	L.A. Clippers	2	14	.125
Detroit	6	10	.375	Golden State	1	13	.071
Memphis	1	14	.067				

## Late power play wins for Avalanche

**ISLANDERS 4, Blues 2**  
Eric Fichaud stopped 34 shots and Sergei Nemchinov had two goals as New York won at home.

Trailing 3-0 in the final period, St. Louis got goals from Brett Hull and Jim Campbell, but Fichaud made several game-saving stops in the third period to preserve the win for New York.

The most notable two of his 17 saves came at 10:25, when he kicked out Hull's one-timer and smothered the ensuing rebound attempt by Geoff Courmail.

He also watched Al MacInnis' slap shot hit off the left post with 5:44 to go. Nemchinov clinched the game with an empty-net goal with 28.1 seconds left.

**Flyers 3, Lightning 3**  
Rob Zamuner, selected earlier Saturday to the Canadian Olympic team, continued his potent play with a third-period goal to give host Tampa Bay a tie.

Zamuner has six goals in his last five games. The Lightning are 2-1-2 over that span after suffering through a franchise-worst 0-15-1 winless streak.

**Penguins 6, Canadiens 3**  
Robert Lang scored his first two goals of the season as host Pittsburgh extended its unbeaten streak to seven games.

In addition to the season-best 6-0-1 streak, the Penguins also have five consecutive wins. They beat Montreal on home ice for the first time in nearly two years, ending the Canadiens' 3-0-3 run in Pittsburgh.

Penguins goalie Tom Barraso left the game with a bruised right shoulder at 8:01 of the second period. Barraso was hurt making a save on Vincent Damphousse's shorthanded breakthrough.

**Blackhawks 3, Senators 2**  
Greg Johnson scored two goals to lift Chicago to an away win.

Johnson's second goal of the game and eighth of the season gave Chicago a 3-1 lead with 3:03 left in the third period when he beat goaltender Ron Tugnott after Tony Amonte's rebound.

**Canucks 4, Maple Leafs 2**  
Mark Messier scored the winning goal just hours after being overlooked for the Canadian Olympic team and led Vancouver to a road win.

Messier took a goal-mouth pass from Markus Naslund on the power play three minutes into the third period and scored his 17th point in the last 14 games to put Vancouver ahead 3-2.

It was Vancouver's fifth win in seven games since Mike Keenan took over as coach from Tom Renney.

Messier has been one of the hottest players in the league recently and extended his point streak to 10 games.

**Stars 5, Coyotes 2**  
Mike Modano had two of Dallas' three power-play goals as the Stars won their second victory in three nights over the visiting Coyotes.

**Kings 4, Devils 1**  
Luc Robitaille scored the go-ahead goal on a second-period breakthrough as host Los Angeles completed a two-game sweep of Atlanta Division-leading New Jersey.

Vladimir Tyshlyakov, Yanic Perreault and Ian Laperriere also scored to help improve the Kings' record to 9-0 when they've scored the first goal of a game.

**Clippers with 20 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.**

**Rockets 107, Warriors 100**  
Charles Barkley had 43 points and Houston scored 27 straight points starting late in the second period as Golden State remained winless at home.

Barkley had 15 of his points as

the Rockets held Golden State scoreless for nearly nine minutes during a run that turned an 18-point deficit into a nine-point lead.

The Warriors, who led by as many as 19 points in the second period, are 0-5 at home and 1-13 overall this season.

**NHL**

Atlanta	1	0	0-2
Chicago	1	0	0-2
PHOENIX (89)	10	17	24
NEW YORK (100)	23	28	20

EASTERN CONFERENCE				WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division				Midwest Division									
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA		
New Jersey	17	8	0	34	73	62	Dallas	17	4	40	95	65	
Philadelphia	15	8	4	34	79	62	Detroit	17	6	4	38	90	60
Washington	13	10	4	30	80	71	St. Louis	15	9	3	33	78	65
N.Y. Islanders	11	11	4	26	70	75	Florida	12	11	2	26	73	71
N.J. Devils	8	11	4	20	70	75	Chicago	10	13	4	24	59	69
Buffalo	8	13	4	20	60	76	Toronto	8	13	3	19	47	67
Carolina	4	17	4	12	58	86	Pacific Division						
Northwest Division													
Montreal	15	9	3	33	85	67	Colorado	13	6	8	34	80	68
Pittsburgh	14	9	3	33	82	71	Los Angeles	12	9	5	29	85	71
Boston	11	11	5	27	68	75	Anaheim	11	12	5	27	65	76
San Jose	9	14	2	24	74	87	Vancouver	9	14	2	24	74	87
San Jose	9	14	2	24	76	82	San Jose	9	16	2	20	70	82
Ottawa	10	13	4	24	68	88	Edmonton	7	13	6	20	58	81
Buffalo	7	12	5	19	63	73	Calgary	5	15	7	17	67	85

## Win over Auburn will put Vols in Orange Bowl

**NEW YORK (AP)** — This time, Peyton Manning gets to play in the SEC title game instead of watching it on TV.

"I've watched it every year and I've always been real anxious of the two teams playing," said Manning, who threw for 159 yards and one TD and ran for another in No. 3 Tennessee's 17-10 victory over Vanderbilt on Saturday.

"I wanted to be a part of the game, and now we have a shot."

Barely the Vols (10-1, 7-1 SEC) struggled for the third straight year against the Commodores (3-8, 0-8). Tennessee won 14-7 last year and 12-7 in '95, and Manning's TD pass was his first against Vandy.

"I hope the players understand that's not the last stop," Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer said of winning the SEC East for the first time.

"We're looking to Atlanta."

The Vols will play No. 13 Auburn (9-2, 6-2) next Saturday, needing a win to move into the top alliance bowl — the Orange and January 2, where the likely opponent will be No. 2 Nebraska (11-0, 8-0 Big 12).

The Huskers, though, hung on for a 27-24 win over Colorado on Friday and must beat No. 15 Texas A&M (9-2, 6-2) next Saturday to advance to Miami.

Also Saturday, No. 4 Penn State (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) knocked itself out of an alliance spot with a 49-14 loss at Michigan State as Sedrick Irvin ran for 238 yards and three TDs and Marc Renaud had 203 yards and a TD.

The Lions appear headed for a Citrus Bowl matchup against No. 7 Florida (9-2), while the Spartans (7-4) accepted an Aloha Bowl

invite and could play Washington (7-4) or Southern California (6-5).

While No. 1 Michigan (11-0) is set to play No. 10 Washington State (10-1) in the Rose Bowl, the alliance lineup is far from set.

With wins in their title games, the Cornhuskers and Volunteers will play in the Orange.

The Sugar Bowl probably will go for No. 5 Florida State (10-1) against No. 9 Ohio State (10-2), while the Fiesta would go for No. 11 Kansas State (10-1) against No. 16 Syracuse (9-3), which won a 33-13 win over Miami on Saturday.

If the Huskers lose and the Vols win next week, the possible lineup could look like this: Florida State vs. Tennessee (Orange); Texas A&M vs. Ohio State (Sugar) and Nebraska vs. Syracuse (Fiesta).

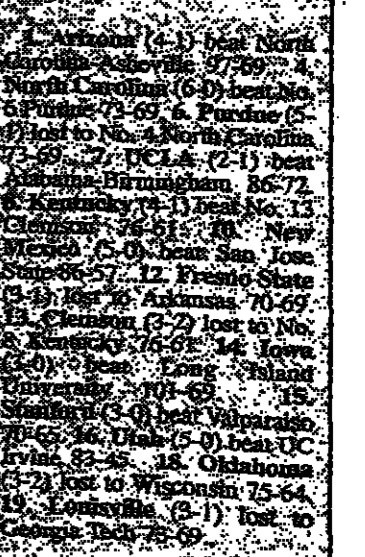
If the Vols lose and Huskers win, look for Nebraska vs. Florida State (Orange); Ohio State vs. Auburn (Sugar) and Kansas State vs. Syracuse (Fiesta).

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 14 Georgia Tech, Georgia Tech 24, and Mississippi 15, No. 22 Mississippi State 14.

**Michigan State 49**  
No. 4 Penn State 14

The Host Spartans broke away from a third quarter 14-1 tie on a 19-yard scoring run by Irvin, followed 2:56 later by Todd Schultz's 8-yard pass to Irvin.

No. 14 Georgia Tech 27  
Georgia Tech 24



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**Sweden sweeps**

**GOTHENBURG (AP)** — Sweden added insult to injury by winning both remaining singles yesterday and completing a 5-0 sweep of the US in the Davis Cup final.

Jonas Bjorkman first routed Jonathan Stark 6-1, 6-1 in 47 minutes and then Magnus Larsson prevailed 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (6-8), 6-4 over Michael Chang.

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## Chiefs end 49ers' win streak at 11

**KANSAS CITY (AP)** — Critics who said San Francisco built its club-record 11-game winning streak on a succession of softies may be right.

The Kansas City Chiefs dismantled the NFL's top-rated defense yesterday, handing the 49ers a 44-9 loss for their worst regular-season defeat since a 45-3 loss to Detroit in 1967.

The Chiefs (10-3), hoping to overtake Denver for the AFC West lead and perhaps home field in the AFC playoffs, stunned the favored 49ers (11-2) by taking a 28-6 half-time lead.

By not allowing a second-half touchdown for the eighth straight game, the Chiefs put an exclamation mark on the lopsided victory with a safety and a touchdown return of an interception in the final 8:31.

Rich Gannon threw three touchdown passes and Marcus Allen had another on a halfback option, the first time the Chiefs had four touchdowns passes in a game since December 1983 against San Diego. The 49ers have failed to score a touchdown in a game twice since 1991 — in both of this season's defeats. They fell in the opener at Tampa Bay 13-6, and they built their record largely on victories over the league's lesser teams.

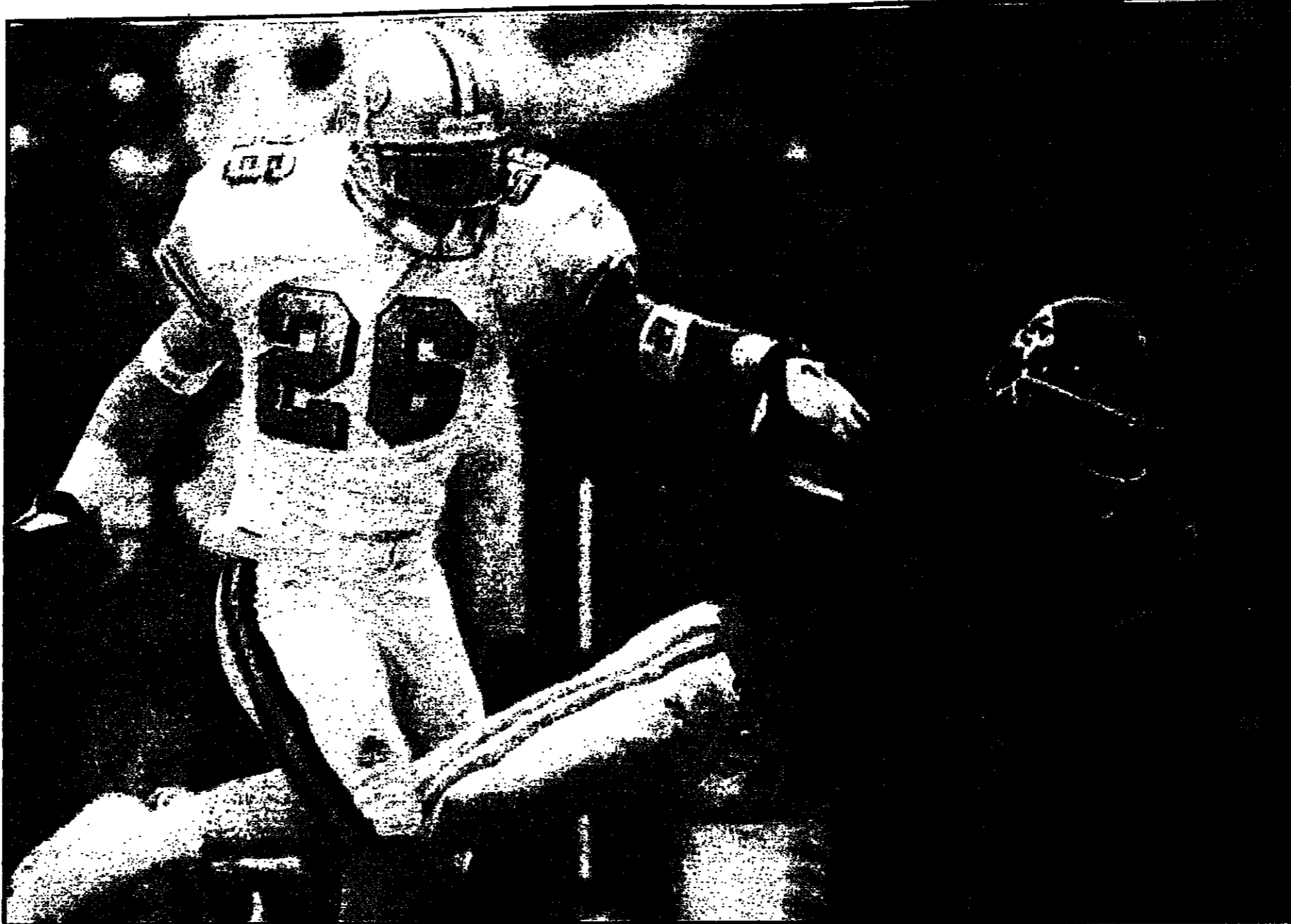
**Bills 20, Jets 10**  
Despite their vast improvement this season, visiting New York still couldn't beat Buffalo.

The Buffalo Bills scored a first-quarter touchdown for the first time in 17 games, and Todd Collins hit Lonnie Johnson with a 62-yard TD in the fourth quarter.

Johnson, who had dropped three passes earlier in the game, caught the ball at the 40, ran over safety Victor Green and beat linebacker Dwayne Gordon to the end zone with 12:47 remaining.

Thurman Thomas gained 104 yards on 18 carries and moved into ninth place on the career rushing list with 11,325 yards. The Bills (6-7) broke a three-game losing streak and beat the Jets (8-5) for the sixth straight time. A New York victory would have guaranteed the Jets their first winning season since 1988.

The Jets, who started the day in



**RISON TO THE OCCASION** — Kansas City WR Andre Rison hauls in a 45-yard pass from QB Rich Gannon in second-quarter action. The San Francisco 49ers' Ron Woodson covers. (AP/Wide World)

sole possession of first place in the AFC East, are now tied at the top with New England. Miami can make it a three-way tie by beating Oakland.

Buffalo scored a first-quarter touchdown on Collins' 28-yard pass to Andre Reed 3:49 into the game. Steve Christie kicked field goals of 49 and 34 yards for the Bills.

Neil O'Donnell completed 25-of-47 for 292 yards, including a

29-yard touchdown to Keyshawn Johnson that tied the game at 10 with 7:19 left in the third quarter.

**Patriots 20, Colts 17**  
Drew Bledsoe is finding his touchdown touch in time to lead another New England Patriots stretch run toward the playoffs.

He threw two scoring passes after going two games without one, and New England held on for a home victory.

Jim Harbaugh's second scoring

pass, an 11-yarder to Sean Dawkins with 1:08 left, cut the lead to three, but the Patriots recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock.

The Patriots (8-5), who have six wins against teams with losing records, moved into a tie for the AFC East lead with the New York Jets, who lost to Buffalo. But New England has no soft spots in its remaining games at Jacksonville, at home against Pittsburgh and at

Miami.

**Saints 16, Panthers 13**  
Picture Mike Ditka calmly strolling the sidelines and the New Orleans Saints taking relatively good care of the ball. Not only are both scenarios possible, they happened.

One week after a frustrated Ditka questioned whether he should continue to rebuild the team, the Saints scored 13 points off Carolina turnovers in a road victory.

Doug Hrien kicked three field goals, including a 45-yarder with five seconds left, as New Orleans (5-8) won for the third time in four games.

**Last night's results:**  
New Orleans 16, Carolina 13  
Kansas City 44, San Francisco 9  
Buffalo 20, NY Jets 10  
New England 20, Indianapolis 17  
St. Louis 23, Washington 20  
Philadelphia 44, Cincinnati 42  
Jacksonville 29, Baltimore 27

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## Man. United keep Blackburn at bay

### Arsenal crash at home to Liverpool



**HEAD OF THE CLASS** — Manchester United's Gary Pallister (above) is challenged by Blackburn Rovers' Chris Sutton. United won 4-0. (Reuters)

**LONDON (Reuters)** — Arsenal's championship campaign hit trouble yesterday when they lost 1-0 at home to Liverpool as Manchester United took a three-point lead at the top of the English league.

A spectacular shot from the edge of the penalty area by England international Steve McManaman clinched victory for Liverpool and stopped their London rivals putting pressure on the leading three — United, Chelsea and Blackburn.

United romped to a 4-0 defeat of third-placed Blackburn with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scoring twice. Blackburn had striker Chris Sutton sent off and contributed two own goals.

Alex Ferguson's team are now three points ahead of second-placed Chelsea, who fired four goals past Derby on Saturday with Italian Gianfranco Zola scoring his first hat-trick in English soccer.

Blackburn are one point behind Chelsea in third. Fourth-placed Leeds are another point back with Arsenal fifth, now seven points adrift.

Rovers, without a league win at Old Trafford in more than 30 years, lost top scorer Sutton in the 57th minute for his second booking.

But by then Norwegian forward Solskjaer had scored in the 17th and 52nd minutes.

Solskjaer, United's leading marksman last season, has grabbed five league goals in five full starts after injury kept him on the sidelines at the start of the season.

Blackburn's misery continued in the 60th minute when Swiss international defender Stephane Henchoz scored an own goal under pressure from Andy Cole and was completed five minutes from time when Jeff Kenna sided-footed in another.

The Arsenal crowd were silenced by the brilliant 55th-minute strike from McManaman, who turned on the left-hand corner of the box and fired the ball into the top right-hand corner of the net.

Liverpool had only lost once in their previous five visits to Highbury and the victory helped restore sagging morale. They improved to seventh.

In Scotland Celtic defeated Dundee United 3-0 to hold third place with 31 points. Marc Rieper, 21, Henrik Larsson and Craig Burley scored for Celtic.

Hearts lead with 33 points and nine-time defending champion Rangers have 32.

**Premier League scorers after yesterday's matches:** 10 — John Hartson (West Ham), Dennis Bergkamp (Arsenal), Chris Sutton (Blackburn Rovers), Francesco Baiano (Derby County), Wright (Arsenal), 8 — Andy Cole (Manchester United), Rod Wallace (Leeds United), 7 — Kevin Davies (Southampton), Teddy Sheringham (Manchester United), Dion Dublin (Coventry), Gianfranco Zola (Chelsea), Kevin Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers).

**Premier League**

Club	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United	16	10	4	2	40	12	34
Chelsea	16	10	1	5	35	17	31
Blackburn	16	8	6	2	27	17	30
Leeds	16	9	2	5	26	19	29
Arsenal	16	7	6	3	30	18	27
Liverpool	15	7	5	4	21	14	26
Newcastle	15	7	3	5	26	14	25
Derby	15	7	2	6	18	17	24
Crystal Palace	15	5	4	6	28	24	23
Wimbledon	15	5	4	7	15	17	19
West Ham	15	4	1	10	20	25	19
Aston Villa	16	5	3	8	16	23	18
Sheff Wednesday	16	5	3	8	20	37	18
Coventry	16	3	8	5	13	21	17
Southampton	16	5	1	10	20	26	16
Tottenham	16	4	4	8	13	22	16
Bolton	15	3	7	5	11	21	16
Barnsley	16	4	1	11	14	43	13
Everton	16	3	3	10	16	27	12

**Scottish Premier**

Club	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hearts	14	11	0	3	35	17	33
Rangers	15	9	5	1	41	18	32
Celtic	15	10	1	4	29	12	31
Dundee United	15	5	4	6	27	27	19
Dunfermline	15	5	4	6	21	32	19
St Johnstone	15	5	3	7	16	22	18
Kilmarnock	15	5	3	7	15	37	17
Hibernian	15	3	4	8	21	24	16
Motherwell	15	3	4	8	20	27	13
Aberdeen	14	2	5	7	14	28	11

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